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WEYMOUTH
June, 1970

*To : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis*

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

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

It is satisfactory to record that once again there has been an extremely low incidence of infectious disease.

The Health Centre extension was completed early in the year at a cost of £9,706—just double the cost (£4,675) of erecting the original two-storey building in 1930. The additional accommodation has provided the space urgently required to deal with the many additional services which are now administered from the Health Centre.

In December, the Town Council decided as a matter of policy that the Borough Health Department would in future be administered by a combined Health and Housing Committee. This is in keeping with the recommendations made by the Maud Committee, and I am confident that this streamlining of the administrative structure will not, in any way, detract from the high state of efficiency in the Public Health Department.

As is usual, the Report deals with the many activities of the Public Health Inspectors under the able and energetic direction of Mr. H. Handscomb, Chief Public Health Inspector, to whom I am most grateful for his help in compiling this annual record of work done to promote the health of the community.


I am again happy to record my appreciation of the co-operation in the work of the Department afforded by my professional colleagues in practice in the Borough.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the Town Council for their kindness and consideration and, in particular, the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support. I am also most grateful to my fellow officials and the Health Department staff for their unfailing assistance.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

E. J. GORDON WALLACE,
Medical Officer of Health.



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STATISTICS

Area (in acres) excluding 331 acres of tidal water	7,017
Mid-year Home Population (estimated by the Registrar)	42,120
Estimated Number of inhabited Houses (31st March, 1970)	14,384
Rateable Value (31st March, 1970)	£1,962,907
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (1969-70)	£7,850

CHIEF INDUSTRIES & EXTENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT

I am indebted to Mr. J. Mathews, Manager of the Weymouth Employment Exchange, for the following information :—

Registered Wholly Unemployed Persons

	1967			1968			1969		
	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
March	360	158	518	349	102	451	460	120	580
June	313	89	402	251	45	296	319	57	376
Sept.	311	70	381	319	61	380	338	81	419
December	385	139	524	423	96	519	437	121	558

The main industries in this area are :—

- Building and Civil Engineering
- Nationalised Industries
- National and Local Government Services
- Scientific Research
- Engineering
- Distributive
- Hotel and Catering
- Transport
- Docks, Shipping and Ship Repairing
- Railways
- Laundries
- Breweries

VITAL STATISTICS — 1969 — WEYMOUTH

				<i>Local authority area</i>			<i>England and Wales (Total)</i>
				<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	
Estimated mid-year home population				—	—	42,120	48,826,800
Live births							
Total	...	...		282	256	538	797,542
Legitimate	...	...		248	237	485	730,500
Illegitimate	...	...		34	19	53	67,042
Stillbirths							
Total	...	...		5	5	10	10,662
Legitimate	...	...		5	5	10	9,555
Illegitimate	...	...					1,107
Total live and still births							
Total	...	...		287	261	548	808,204
Legitimate	...	...		253	242	495	740,055
Illegitimate	...	...		34	19	53	68,149
Deaths of Infants							
Under 1 year of age							
Total	...	...		4	7	11	14,397
Legitimate	...	...		3	6	9	12,694
Illegitimate	...	...		1	1	2	1,703
Under 4 weeks of age							
Total	...	...		2	5	7	9,603
Legitimate	...	...		2	4	6	8,494
Illegitimate	...	...		—	1	1	1,109
Under 1 week of age							
Total	...	...		2	5	7	8,232
Legitimate	...	...		2	4	6	7,266
Illegitimate	...	...		—	1	1	966
Deaths—all ages				267	309	576	579,463

AND MELCOMBE REGIS M.B.

General Register Office
Titchfield,
Fareham,
Hampshire.

	<i>Local authority area</i>	<i>England and Wales</i>
Live birth rates, etc.		
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.80	16.30
Area comparability factor ...	1.07	1.00
Local adjusted rate	13.70	16.30
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate ... ..	.84	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	10	8
Stillbirth rate		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	18	13
Infant mortality rates		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	20	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	19	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	38	25
Neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	13	12
Early neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	13	10
Perinatal mortality rate		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births	31	23
Deaths rates, etc. — all ages		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	13.70	11.90
Area comparability factor ...	.88	1.00
Local adjusted rate	12.10	11.90
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.01	1.00

Causes of Death — 1969
(Supplied by Registrar General)

<i>Causes of Death</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	—	1
Other Tuberculosis—			
including Late Effects	—	1	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ...	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	10	9	19
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	10	10	20
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	17	4	21
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	—	14	14
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...	—	6	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ...	5	—	5
Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	16	17	33
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	2	1	3
Diabetes Mellitus	2	3	5
Other Endocrine, etc. Diseases ...	1	—	1
Anaemias	3	1	4
Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	3	1	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...	1	3	4
Hypertensive Disease	6	3	9
Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	76	63	139
Other forms of Heart Disease ...	6	18	24
Cerebrovascular Disease ...	27	77	104
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	14	11	25
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	18	33	51
Bronchitis and Emphysema ...	12	3	15
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—	1
Peptic Ulcer	2	1	3
Appendicitis	1	—	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	3	—	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	—	4	4
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	2	—	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	—	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1	2
Congenital Anomalies	1	—	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ...	1	2	3
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	3	4
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	—	2	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	3	8
All other Accidents	7	7	14
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ...	1	1	2
All other external Causes ...	1	—	1
TOTAL	267	309	576

Immunisation : Protection of the appropriate age groups against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Measles, and Smallpox is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council as Local Health Authority. Protection of school children in South Dorset remains at a high level and of those examined in 1969, 98.8% had been protected against Diphtheria, 97.9% against Tetanus, and 97.6% against Poliomyelitis.

Superannuation : During the year 52 persons were medically examined as to their fitness for inclusion in the Council's Superannuation Scheme.

Laboratory Facilities : The County Laboratory at Dorchester under the direction of Dr. T. V. Cooper and the separate Public Health Laboratory there under Dr. G. H. Tee have given every possible assistance in the work of the Health Department and their ready co-operation at all times has been very much appreciated.

INFESTATION

Scabies and Head Infestation.

Scabies is a notifiable disease under an Order made by the Town Council in 1943.

The tables which follow show that the incidence of both Scabies and Head Infestation remains low.

Scabies

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total No notified</i>	<i>No. Notified by Practitioner</i>	<i>No. Notified by Public Health Dept.</i>	<i>Total Number of Treatments (incl. contacts)</i>
1964	3	3	—	6
1965	9	9	—	18
1966	4	3	1	9
1967	23	23	—	120
1968	31	25	6	127*
1969	20	20	—	101*

* 'Treatments' include patients with suspicious skin rashes but in whom a precise diagnosis has not been made.

Head Infestation

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Infested Persons</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Under 5</i>	<i>Total No. of Treatments</i>
1964	28	2	22	4	41
1965	93	4	84	5	154
1966	73	3	68	2	94
1967	37	4	31	2	47
1968	11	—	10	1	25
1969	19	3	15	1	30

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968 came into operation on the 1st October 1968. The Town Council has delegated to their Medical Officer of Health authority to take any necessary administrative action under these Regulations.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES—1969

<i>Disease</i>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Measles	...	...	...	...	13	11	24
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	7	6	13
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Meningitis	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Acute Poliomyelitis : Paralytic	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis : Infective	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Post Infectious	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Leptospirosis	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	2	8	10
Tetanus	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Infective Jaundice	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Tuberculosis : Respiratory	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Meninges and C.N.S.	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Anthrax	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Yellow Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Scabies	...	...	...	...	4	16	20

WATER SUPPLY

Until the 31st March, 1969, water supply for the Borough had been provided by Weymouth Waterworks Company from sources at Empool and Sutton Poyntz. As from 1st April, 1969,

the Dorset Water Board took over control of all water supplies within the County and Weymouth Waterworks Company was absorbed by the Board.

Both quality and quantity of the supply were satisfactorily maintained throughout the year and no outbreaks of illness which could be attributed to water have occurred.

I must once again extend my thanks to the Engineer and Manager of the former Weymouth Waterworks Company, Mr. A. E. Barrey, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.W.E., for all his help in the past. Mr. Barrey is remaining in Weymouth as an officer of the Dorset Water Board and I am sure that the same high standard of co-operation will be continued.

WATER STANDPIPES

All houses in the Borough are supplied with water from Dorset Water Board mains. There are no houses in the Borough supplied by water standpipes.

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

All 54 samples of water taken from supply after chlorination were satisfactory.

66 visits were made in connection with water supply and sampling.

FLUORIDE CONTENT—(Sample 15th February, 1968)

Empool	0.10 p.p.m.
Sutton Poyntz	0.04 p.p.m.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the Borough.

Three schools have open-air baths for the use of their children and routine sampling of the water is carried out by the Health Department of Dorset County Council.

Two hotels and one holiday camp have open-air baths—all having continuous filtration and treatment plants.

Twenty-two visits were made to swimming pools to check the efficiency of water treatment during the summer season.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

1. Preston Drainage Scheme

The Preston drainage scheme was completed in 1957 and by the end of 1969 a total of 634 pre-war houses in the Preston drainage area had been connected to the sewer. The number connected during the year was 5.

During 1969 housing development continued in the Preston area and all new houses were connected to the sewer.

The Borough Engineer has kindly provided the following information in connection with the Preston drainage scheme as at 23rd February, 1970 :—

“ Drainage of Properties on the south side of Wyke Oliver Road

I am pleased to report that loan sanction has been received for this scheme and work has been programmed to start in early summer.

Drainage of Properties in Verlands Road and White Horse Drive

As you will recall, work in connection with this drainage scheme was deferred to form part of the private street works contract at the time these two streets were made up. I am pleased to report that both streets are now clear of objection and a loan application has been made to the Ministry. The Ministry has intimated that loan will be forth-coming and has instructed me to go out to tender for the works ”.

2. Surcharging of the Sewers

For a number of years I have reported on the problem of surcharging of the sewers which occurs in the following areas :

Roman Road
Roman Close
Coronation Crescent
The Meadows, Radipole
The Rectory, Radipole
Marsh Road
Weston Road
Springfield, Broadway
Littlemead, Broadway

The Town Council has for some years now refused permission for development of land in areas where the sewers, particularly the Upwey trunk sewer, are liable to surcharging. This decision was challenged in the course of an appeal against the Corporation's refusal to allow development in Littlemoor Road

in January, 1964. The Minister dismissed the appeal and agreed that no development should be allowed within the areas subject to surcharging until the necessary remedial works had been carried out to the sewers.

The Borough Engineer's comments on the position as at 23rd February, 1970, are as follows :—

“Coronation Crescent/Roman Road Area

I am hopeful that I will be in a position to complete the contract works in the near future and I hope also to commence work during the year on the separation of surface water from the foul drainage within the house drainage systems in the area.

Marsh Road Area

An application for loan in respect of Stage I, Phase I, of the West Weymouth Flood Relief Scheme has been made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Town Clerk has subsequently been advised that it is the Minister's intention to send one of his engineering inspectors to Weymouth to investigate the proposals.

Broadway Area and Radipole

The Stage I Upwey Trunk Sewer proposals have been approved by the Council and the scheme is now lodged with the Ministry for Loan Sanction. Contract documents are being prepared at the present time in order to speed the start of site work when loan has been issued”.

3. Houses not yet connected to the sewer

In March, 1965, the Council considered a detailed report from the Borough Engineer on the subject of drainage of all properties within the Borough not then connected to the Council's main sewers and, although I have stated the decision of the Town Council in previous Annual Reports, the matter is so important that I am again reprinting it :

1. That the Council approve, as a matter of policy, the carrying out of main drainage schemes at the Corporation's expense in the areas referred to in the Report of the Borough Engineer which are developed and where the estimated cost does not exceed £300 per property.
2. That the question of dealing with those areas where the cost per property to be served exceeds £300 but does not exceed £500 be deferred for the time being.
3. That the necessary action be taken forthwith for the preparation of schemes, acceptance of tenders and applications for requisite loan consent for the schemes dealing with

(a) Mayfield Close and Radipole Lane and (b) Camp Road in that order.

4. That schemes be prepared for the remaining areas covered by recommendation (1) in order of priority to be decided by this Committee in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health.

5. That the Health Committee be requested to communicate with owners of those properties which are situated within 100 feet of a public sewer but which are not connected thereto with a view to early action being taken for connecting such properties to the sewer.

6. That previous resolutions of the Council be varied so far as they are inconsistent with the above recommendations.

The Borough Engineer's comments as at 23rd February, 1970, are as follows :—

“Weyview Crescent

I am pleased to report that the drainage of these properties has been completed.

Wyke Oliver Road

This scheme has already been mentioned in paragraph (1) above.

Verlands Road and White Horse Drive

Again this scheme has already been mentioned in paragraph (1) above.

Buxton Road and Wyke Road

As anticipated last year, the cost of the works was in excess of the limit set by the Council, and the Town Clerk is now in contact with the property owners concerned in an attempt to obtain contributions from them equal in amount to the excess figure. I am unable to say at the present time when the work is likely to commence.

Old Station Road Area and Sutcliffe Avenue

I regret that it has not proved possible during the past year to progress either of these schemes.

Drainage of Properties at Nottingham

Schemes have been approved by the Council for this area and a loan application has been made to the Ministry. Subject to the issue of loan, I anticipate carrying out the work in this area during the summer.

Properties at Broadwey and Upwey

(a) The properties mentioned in the paragraph regarding Old Station Road area form part of this complex.

- (b) During the process of making up certain private streets in the Broadwey area it has been found necessary to rationalise the drainage within the street and as a result, the following properties have been connected to the foul sewerage system :—

Nos. 638 and 679 Dorchester Road ;

Nos. 36 and 38 Jesty's Avenue ”.

4. Conversion to Main Drainage

During the year 8 cesspools and 5 pail closets were done away with when 21 houses were re-drained to the Corporation's main drainage system.

5. Drainage—Supervision and Testing

2179 visits were made in connection with the drainage of new and existing houses.

6. Drainage

In concluding this section of my Report, I wish to stress the vital importance of two services which I consider to be essential in the maintenance of a healthy community.

1. A pure and wholesome water supply ;
2. An adequate sewerage system for the safe disposal of excreta.

We have been fortunate over the years in maintaining a very sound liaison with the Weymouth Waterworks Company, and I hope that this will continue now that the Dorset Water Board has taken over this function.

One cannot, however, adopt a complacent attitude about the efficiency of our sewerage system, which is grossly overloaded in several areas of the Borough. There is an ever increasing tendency to tarmacadam or concrete over front gardens (and sometimes even back gardens) to provide parking space for cars. This means that rain is not able to percolate naturally through the soil, but flows on to the roads and into the street gulleys, thereby overloading the sewers which are mostly of the combined storm water and foul sewage type.

HOUSING

UNFIT HOUSES

Progress was made in dealing with unfit houses and details of this work are contained in the following paragraphs.

There are no large Clearance Areas to be dealt with in the Borough, but as can be seen from this Report, a number of individual unfit houses come to the notice of the Department

every year and are dealt with under the provisions of Part II of the Housing Act, 1957.

Action taken during the year was as follows :—

1. Closing Orders — Housing Act, 1957 — Sections 17 and 18

Closing Orders were made in respect of :

Coombe Valley Farm Cottage, Coombe Valley Road,
Preston.
165 Abbotsbury Road.
33 Park Street
9 Marsh Road
10 Marsh Road
17 Franklin Road
Room in roof space at 54 Old Parish Lane (part building).
Basement flat, 8 Royal Crescent (part building).
228 Preston Road, Preston.

2. Houses Demolished

The following properties were demolished :

140 High Street, Wyke Regis (Subject to a Demolition Order made in January, 1967).

3. Houses Represented as Unfit for Habitation

The following house was represented as unfit for habitation but action was not completed by the end of the year :

1 Trinity Terrace

4. Houses made fit following action under Section 16 and Closing Orders Determined

20 Walpole Street
6 Rodwell Street
12 Elwell Street (Subject to an undertaking not to use for human habitation made in 1939). House re-conditioned in conjunction with No. 14 forming one habitable dwelling.
5 and 6 Stottingway Street (Subject to a Clearance Order made in 1939. Houses partially re-built, reconditioned and formed into one habitable dwelling.

5. Houses made fit after Informal or Statutory Action

Thirty-five houses were made fit during the year following service of Informal or Statutory Notices.

POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1969
HOUSING ACT, 1957

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Still occupied as dwellings</i>	<i>Used as Store or work-places</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Total</i>
Houses subject to Demolition or Clearance Orders not yet demolished —	2	3	5	
Parts of Buildings subject to Closing Orders —	1	7	8	
Houses subject to Closing Orders 12	1	20	33	
Houses subject to Undertaking not to re-let for human habitation —	1	—	1	

OVERCROWDING

No cases of statutory overcrowding were brought to my notice during the year.

REGISTERED COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Registered Common Lodging Houses in the Borough.

RENT ACT, 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

HOUSING ACT, 1964

The Health Department co-operated with the Borough Engineer's Department in dealing with applications for Improvement Grants and many old houses are now being brought up to modern standards by means of Standard and Discretionary Grants.

During the year 178 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors in connection with applications for standard and discretionary Grants.

Grant Applications—1969

Standard	...	...	...	54
Discretionary	...	...	...	6
Grant works completed :—				
Standard	...	...	...	38
Discretionary	...	...	...	3

The Housing Act, 1969, came into operation on the 25th August, 1969. This increased the scope of the standard grant and improvement grant schemes and made both schemes so attractive that it is likely that more house owners will take advantage of the new provisions in the coming year.

By the end of the year only one or two applications had been made—possibly for the reason that full details of the schemes were not readily available until the end of the year.

APPLICATIONS FOR RE-HOUSING

The Department dealt with a considerable number of claims by applicants for priority recommendations on grounds of overcrowding or ill-health. This involved 238 visits during 1969.

Applicants, the sizes of whose families have qualified them for three bedroomed accommodation and whose personal circumstances, on enquiry, have entitled them to consideration, have in a number of instances been able to be dealt with after a registration period of as little as 12 months and this has largely been due to a general easing of the housing situation.

The Health Department continued to work in close co-operation with the Borough Treasurer who is responsible for administration in connection with houses owned by the Town Council. Each applicant who calls at the Health Department is given a sympathetic hearing, a report is prepared following a home visit, and a departmental discussion is held to assess the real need in each case.

Re-housing of Elderly Persons

The Borough Treasurer has kindly supplied me with the following information in respect of action during 1969 :—

“During the year 1969, 15 Aged People’s Bungalows were completed and occupied as follows :—

- Seven 1-Bed. bungalows — High Street, Wyke,
with gas warm-air heating
- Eight 1-Bed. bungalows — Hereford Crescent
with gas warm-air heating

At the end of the year there were 54 bungalows and flats occupied by “Category B” tenants under the supervision of

resident wardens with a further 8 flats brought into use for this purpose at Radipole Court. There were, in addition, 131 bungalows on various estates and 47 flats for occupation by aged people.

Present building comprises fourteen 1-bed. bungalows at Radipole Lane, a further fifteen 1-bed. bungalows are planned at Hereford Crescent and 12 at Bedford Road.

Plans for 34 "Category B" dwellings at Bedford Road are held temporarily in abeyance, pending further information from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The number of applicants on the housing list who could be classified as Aged People totalled 264."

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - 1951

Under these Acts the Town Council is empowered to take steps to secure the removal to suitable accommodation of persons in need of care and attention.

During the year seven cases were dealt with but it was not necessary to take statutory action to enforce removal of any of them to Part III accommodation (County Council Homes). All were provided with Home Help and were visited regularly by Health Visitors and Public Health Inspectors.

The Public Health Inspectors made forty-six visits under the provisions of this Act.

The Dorset County Council's Home Help Service once again proved of tremendous value throughout the year. Almost all old people wish to remain in their own homes and in many cases this would not be possible without the Home Help Service. In this connection I must again make special mention of the excellent work carried out by Mrs. M. C. Brawley, the Home Help Organiser, for the smooth running of this efficient service.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 83

The Town Council co-operates in the joint local authority scheme, the constituent authorities being—the City of Southampton, the County Borough of Bournemouth and the Boroughs of Poole, Winchester and Weymouth. The scheme has operated very efficiently throughout the year and I am grateful to the Public Analyst, Mr. H. Dedicoat, F.R.I.C. and his Deputy, Mr. S. L. Kidman, F.R.I.C., for their advice and assistance to the department throughout the year.

Sampling

Ninety-three samples of milk were subjected to the Gerber Test by the Department's officers—of these 7 were deficient in non-fat solids. Follow-up samples were satisfactory.

One hundred and thirty-six samples of food and drugs were taken for analysis by the Public Analyst, as follows :—

FOOD					Formal	Informal	Total	Genuine	Adulterated or irregular
Ale	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Almonds, ground	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Apples	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Apricots, dried	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Baby Food	...	...	...	...	—	3	3	3	—
Beans, butter	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Beef Stock Cubes	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Black Pudding	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Bread, brown sliced	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Bread, milk	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	—	1
Bread, "milkie" loaf	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	—	1
Bubble Gum	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Butter	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Cake Decorations (non-edible)	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	—	1
Candied Peel	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Cereal	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Cheese	...	...	...	...	—	2	2	2	—
Cheese, soft	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Chopped Chicken in Jelly	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	1
Cider	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Cocoa	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Coffee and Chicory Essence	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Cornflour	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Cream (raw) double	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Cream, whipping	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Curry Powder	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Custard Powder	...	...	...	...	—	2	2	2	—
Custard (ready to serve)	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Dates	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Egg, liquid frozen	...	...	...	...	—	4	4	4	—
Fat, cooking	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Ginger, crystallised	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Gelatine, instant powdered	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Glace Cherries	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Hake Portions, frozen	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Ham, chopped	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Honey	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Jam	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Lemons	...	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Lemon Cheese	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	1

FOOD				Formal	Informal	Total	Genuine	Adulterated or irregular
Lemon Jelly	—	1	1	1	—
Limeade	—	1	1	1	—
Liver Sausage	—	1	1	1	—
Margarine	—	4	4	4	—
Marmalade	—	1	1	1	—
Marzipan	—	1	1	1	—
Meat Pasties	—	2	2	—	2
Melon	—	1	1	1	—
Milk, Dried	—	1	1	1	—
Milk, raw	—	8	8	8	—
Milk, top of	—	1	1	1	—
Milk, U.H.T.	—	1	1	1	—
Mincemeat	—	1	1	1	—
Mustard	—	1	1	1	—
Nuts	—	1	1	1	—
Oil, cooking	—	1	1	1	—
Orangeade	—	1	1	1	—
Orange Drink	—	1	1	1	—
Oranges	—	1	1	1	—
Oranges, marmalade	—	1	1	1	—
Oranges, tangerine	—	1	1	1	—
Peaches	—	1	1	1	—
Pears	—	1	1	1	—
Pepper, cayenne	—	1	1	1	—
Pepper, white	—	1	1	1	—
Pies, onion, potato and steak	—	1	1	1	—
Pies, pork	—	1	1	1	—
Pies, steak and kidney	—	3	3	3	—
Plaice Fillets, Frozen	—	1	1	1	—
Plums	—	1	1	1	—
Potato, mashed instant	—	1	1	1	—
"Ready" Meals	—	2	2	2	—
Rice	—	2	2	2	—
Salad, fruit	—	1	1	1	—
Salad Cream	—	1	1	1	—
Salmon Fish Cakes	—	1	1	1	—
Salt	—	1	1	1	—
Sausages, pork	—	2	2	2	—
Sausage Rolls	—	2	2	2	—
Savouries, hot toast	—	1	1	1	—

FOOD				Formal	Informal	Total	Genuine	Adulterated or irregular
Shandy	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Soup	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Spirits	...	...	...	3	—	3	3	—
Steaklets, frozen	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Stout	...	...	...	—	2	2	2	—
Tea	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Toffee, clotted cream	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Tomato Juice	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Tonic Water	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Treacle	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Vegetables & Beef (Baby Food)	...	...	...	—	3	3	3	—
Vinegar, malt	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Walnut flavouring	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Milk (for penicillin)—Negative	...	...	...	—	2	2	2	—
				5	122	127	120	7

DRUGS

Codine Linctus	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Emergency Essence	...	...	...	—	1	1	—	1
Hydrocortisone Lotions	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Linctus	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Malt Extract with Cod Liver Oil	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Stomach Powder	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Sulphacetamide Eye Drops	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Zinc and Caster Oil Cream	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
Zinc Ointment	...	...	...	—	1	1	1	—
				—	9	9	8	1

PESTICIDE SURVEY SCHEME

					Total	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Baby Food	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Carrots	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Dripping	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
English Apples		...	...	...	1	1	—
English Lard	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Gooseberries		...	...	...	1	1	—
Lettuce	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Mushrooms		...	...	...	1	1	—
New Zealand Lamb	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Pig Liver		...	...	...	1	1	—
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Suet	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Tomato Paste		...	...	...	1	1	—
Total					13	13	—

COMPLAINT SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS

					Total	Genuine	Adulterated or Irregular
Portion of Sausage Roll	...	...			1	1	—
Slices of Wholemeal Loaf	...	...			1	—	1
Kipper Fillets		...	...	...	1	1	—
Meat Pie	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Powdered Potato	...	...	...		1	—	1
Total					5	2	3

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLES FOUND TO BE ADULTERATED OR IRREGULAR

No.	Sample	Formal or Informal	Nature of Adulteration or irregularity	Observations	Action taken
654	Meat Pasties	Informal	Deficient in meat or wrongly described. Meat content not more than 4/7 oz. of 15% meat. Described as meat pasties but contained meat and potato. Deficient of meat not less than 1/4 oz. per pie.	Had article been described as Meat and Potato Pasties, it would have been satisfactory.	Warning letter sent to manufacturers.
672	Unwrapped Milk Loaf	Informal	Bread and Flour Regulations 1963 require 'Milk Bread' to contain at least 6% of whole milk solids. Sample devoid of milk fat and contained only 3% skimmed milk solids.	Wrongly described as 'Milk Bread' also contained insufficient skimmed Milk solids to even justify the description Skimmed Milk Bread.	Followed up by sample No. 691.
691	Milkie Loaf	Informal	Sample of separated 'Milk Bread' deficient of separated milk solids. Not more than 3%. Wrapper states "contains separated milk solids". Regulations state sample should contain at least 6% milk solids.	Sample 50% deficient of separated milk solids.	Withdrawn from sale at Weymouth and referred to Public Health Department in the area where the bakery is situated.
726	Emergency Essence	Informal	It contained methyl-para-hydroxy benzoate, a preservative which should be declared on the label to comply with the Pharmacy and Medicines Act.		The label is to be amended by the Manufacturers to declare the presence of the preservative.

730	Chopped Chicken in Jelly	Informal	This was a sample of Chopped Chicken in Jelly deficient in meat. Meat content not more than 75%.	A formal sample was taken and found to be satisfactory.
751	Lemon Cheese	Informal	Deficient of lemon oil—not more than 0.08%. Under Food Standards (Preservatives) Order 1953 it should contain at least 0.125%.	Formal sample subsequently taken which contained 0.1% of lemon oil. No further action recommended.
784	Meat Pie	Complaint Sample	Microscopical examination revealed green stained meat fibre $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter. Artificial green dyestuff acid in reaction.	Possibly acid green S used on condemned meat but not definite.
794	Cake Decorations (non-edible)—Plastic Santa Claus plus sleigh and reindeer	Informal	It contained an excess of lead (about 5% instead of not more than 0.5%) in the paint of the antlers of the reindeer, but amount extractable from the whole article was not more than 5 milligrams.	In view of Analyst's report — type of green dye indefinite and uncertainty regarding source of contamination, no further action taken. Matter taken up with the importers.

FOOD—COMPLAINTS

Forty complaints were received with regard to the unsatisfactory condition of food, sometimes due to the presence of foreign bodies. Each complaint was followed up by a visit to the shop concerned and in a number of cases it was found that foreign bodies had found their way into the food at the factory of origin.

Legal proceedings were taken in two cases as follows :—

- 1 Mouldy pork pies—Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined £20.
2. Fly Maggots in bacon—The Justices dismissed the case but on Appeal to the High Court of Justice in December, the Court allowed the Appeal with costs and the case was referred back to the Magistrates with a direction to convict. The Defendants were subsequently fined £20 with 15 guineas costs.

Legal proceedings authorised but not taken at end of year	2
Warning letters sent to manufacturers or retailers	1
Matter taken up with producer or retailer	16
No action required	21
Visits in connection with food complaints	116

FOOD POISONING

Ten cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. Seven of these arose from two family outbreaks and the remaining three were single cases. In only one case was the causative organism, salmonella, found.

Twenty visits were made in connection with suspected cases of food poisoning.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

Number of egg pasteurisation plants in the district	None
Number of samples of liquid egg submitted to the	
Alpha Amylase test	4
Passed	4
Failed	—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTIONS 16—19 REGISTRATION OF PREMISES FOR THE PREPARATION OF POTTED, ETC., FOODS

The registration of premises for the preparation of potted, etc., foods is required under the provisions of the Weymouth and Melcombe Regis (Food) Declaration, 1961 (S.I. 1961, No. 1390). There are 31 premises registered in the Borough for the preparation of potted, etc. foods.

FOOD HYGIENE—EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

There is no Clean Food Guild in operation in the Borough.

During the year the Chief Public Health Inspector addressed a number of local organisations on the work of the Health Department, with special emphasis on food hygiene.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the Borough.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

All unsound food is disposed of by burial at the Corporation's Controlled Tip.

FOOD HYGIENE

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

During 1969, 911 inspections were made of food premises. Once again I am pleased to say that co-operation from owners and employees in the catering industry was extremely good and the standard of food hygiene in the Borough continues to improve.

It was necessary, however, to serve 37 informal notices in respect of contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations. These notices covered 81 items but the majority had been remedied by the end of the year.

DETAILS OF FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

Category					Number of Premises
Catering	...	...	...	...	92
Butchers	...	...	...	...	31
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	22
Bakers Shops	...	...	...	...	22
Fishmongers Shops	...	...	...	...	8
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	15
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	11
Confectionery Shops (Sugar)	...	...	...	...	55
Grocers	...	...	...	...	113
Licensed Premises (other than Restaurants, Cafes and Clubs)	...	...	...	...	91
Off-Licence Premises (other than Food Shops)	...	...	...	...	9
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	2
Chemists Shops	...	...	...	...	16

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

During the year, 79 visits were made in connection with the above Regulations. Unfortunately, it was necessary to take action against one itinerant stall-holder who, after repeated warnings, failed to comply with the Regulations. He was convicted on all six charges under the Regulations and fined £2 in respect of each.

ICE-CREAM

The number of inspections made of premises where ice-cream is manufactured, stored or on sale to the public was 243.

The number of ice-cream samples taken was 82 and 94% of these were satisfactory.

At the end of the year 215 premises were registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream in the Borough. This number includes three premises where ice-cream is manufactured in quantity and 13 premises where soft ice-cream machines are in use.

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1959

These Regulations require ingredients used in the manufacture of ice-cream to be pasteurised by one of the three specified methods of sterilisation and then kept at a low temperature until the freezing has begun.

During the year routine visits were made to all premises in the Borough where ice-cream is manufactured and I am pleased to record that all premises maintained a very good standard of hygiene.

ICE-CREAM SAMPLING

No of Samples	1	2	3	4
82	70	7	2	3

Summary of Results

Grades 1 and 2	...	...	...	94% Satisfactory
Grades 3 and 4	...	...	...	6% Unsatisfactory

MILK SUPPLIES

The responsibility for registration of dairy farms and farmers and the supervision of milk production at farms remained with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, except in so far as the Regulations relate to diseases communicable to man.

The Corporation is responsible for the issue of Dealers' Licences and taking routine milk samples. In view of the County

Health Department's duties in connection with other aspects of milk sampling within the area, it was agreed that they should continue to take our routine milk samples and, at the end of the year, 336 such samples had been taken.

Brucella Abortus

82 samples of raw milk and 14 samples of cream were taken in the Borough by the County Health Department for examination for the presence of brucella abortus. One sample of milk proved positive for brucella abortus and immediate action was taken with the farmer concerned. Only one cow in the herd involved was found to be positive and this animal was sent for immediate slaughter.

I am once again indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health and the Officers of the County Health Department for their co-operation in this work which is yet another indication of the happy relationship which exists between the two Health Departments.

Licences under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963

Licences in force at the end of 1969 were as follows :—

(1) Dealers' (Pre-Packed) Licences	...	...	101
(2) Dealers' (Untreated) Licences	...	...	1
(3) Dealers' (Pasteuriser's) Licences	...	...	1

Sampling

Seventy visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors in connection with milk sampling for compositional quality.

FOOD SUPPLIES

(1) Meat Inspection

There are no slaughterhouses within the Borough.

The majority of home killed meat for Weymouth comes from slaughterhouses in the Borough of Dorchester and the area of the Dorchester Rural District Council.

2. FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED

Canned Goods

Meat Products	...	...	...	...	196 tins
Fish Products	...	...	...	...	63 tins
Fruit	...	...	...	...	1144 tins
Vegetables	611 tins
Milk and Cream	29 tins
Fruit Juice	35 tins

Meat

Meat Products	207 lbs.
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Other Foods

Meat Products	644 pkts.
Fish Products	663 pkts.
Vegetable Products	619 pkts.
Milk and Cream Products	...	...	...	56 pkts.
Cheese Products	...	...	...	10 pkts.
Fruit Products	...	...	...	17 pkts.
Confectionery Products	...	...	...	157 pkts.
Whole Meals	...	...	...	28 pkts.
Pastry	...	...	...	34 pkts.
Corn	...	...	...	1 pkt.
Breakfast Cereal	...	...	...	2 pkts.
Cheese	...	...	...	25 sections
Peaches	...	...	...	50 boxes
Potatoes	...	...	...	2½ cwts.
Vegetables	...	...	...	36 lbs.
Ice Cream	...	...	...	5 cans
Preserves	...	...	...	3 jars

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registration and Inspection

The total number of premises registered at the end of the year was 500, a decrease of 32 on the figure for last year. This figure is arrived at after taking into account thirty-five newly registered premises and a number of premises deleted from the register by reason of a discontinuation of business, change of use or otherwise ceasing to apply to the Act.

The number of persons employed shows a decrease on the record for last year and appears to reflect the general tendency recently for a reduction of employees as a result of the introduction of modern methods, mechanisation and other factors. The employment figures given relate to the summer months when employment is at its highest level.

Included in the number of visits—345—are general inspections, re-visits to check when work is completed, investigations of accidents and enquiries relating to registration.

Action taken was as follows :—

No. of notices served	...	...	41
No. of defects found	...	...	101
No. of notices complied with	...	...	42
No. of defects remedied	...	...	124

Details of defects remedied are as follows :—

No. of new wash-hand basins provided and defective basins replaced	...	...	6
Provision of running hot or warm water	...	...	9
Provision of First Aid Boxes	...	...	18
Improvement of clothing accommodation and the provision of drying facilities	...	...	2

Insufficient or defective sanitary accommodation and the need for marking sanitary conveniences	14
Defects to floors and staircases and obstructions	13
Temperature and the need for thermometers	16
Defects in lighting	4
Lack of cleanliness and the need for re-decoration	7
Improvement in ventilation	1
Improved drinking water supplies	1
Fencing of exposed parts of machinery	4
Information for employees	28
Seating arrangements	1

Two reports of examination of Hoist or Lift under Regulation 6 of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises (Hoists and Lifts) Regulations 1968 were received and in each case the repairs, renewals or alterations required were carried out.

Inspection Arrangements

The notes by H.M. Chief Inspector of Factories on methods of enforcement have been received with much interest and generally the method of inspection and line of action recommended has been followed. No particular difficulty has arisen to date.

Accidents

Nine accidents were reported and investigated. Two involved butchers' assistants with cuts on hand or finger. Five cases involving injury to back and leg, bruising and cuts caused by falling on staircases or slipping on floors. In two cases falling objects caused bruising.

Prosecutions

There were no prosecutions instituted under the Act.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

<i>Class of Premises</i>	<i>Number of premises registered during the year</i>	<i>Total number of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</i>
Offices	8	101	22
Retail Shops	22	325	72
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	—	12	—
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	5	60	25
Fuel Storage Depots	—	2	—
Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises			345

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

<i>Class of Workplace</i>	<i>Number of persons employed</i>
Offices	726
Retail Shops	1514
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	134
Catering Establishments open to the public	487
Canteens	9
Fuel Storage Depots	7
Total	2877
Total Males	975
Total Females	1902

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES

Since the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, came into operation, the Town Council has issued thirteen caravan site licences which at present permit the holiday use of 2,199 caravans within the Borough.

Regular inspections of caravan sites were carried out—mainly during the summer months—and totalled 277. All sites were maintained to a good standard and I thank licensees for their ready co-operation with the Health Department throughout the season.

The gradual conversion of one caravan park to a chalet centre continued during the year.

The usual seasonal problem arose in connection with touring caravans which park on corporation land, including car parks. It was again necessary for the Corporation to fence off parts of Lodmoor to prevent access by unauthorised persons with caravans and tents.

Tented camping was again carried out on land adjacent to two licensed caravan sites within the Borough for a maximum period of 60 days, as provided in Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

MOSQUITO AND MIDGE CONTROL

1. Radipole Lake

For a number of years it has been customary to introduce seawater into Radipole Lake at the beginning of each year in order to increase the salinity of the water and so reduce the breeding of the Chironomus midge. This procedure was carried

out again at the beginning of 1969. The usual routine checks were made along the eastern and western borders of the lake during the mosquito season and evidence of mosquito breeding was found on a few occasions. The nuisance caused by the *Chironomus* midge was not so bad as in previous years although a few complaints were received. Unfortunately, no really effective measures have yet been found for the complete eradication of this nuisance.

During the year 27 visits were made in connection with mosquito and midge control.

2. Lodmoor

Controlled tipping continued throughout 1969 in the area north of Weymouth Bay Avenue.

Each year I give a reminder that mosquito breeding on a reducing scale will continue on Lodmoor for many years and the Corporation's policy of control by drainage and land reclamation provides the only solution to this problem. Tipping is being carried out in the particularly marshy areas and this land reclamation should in a few years' time result in a lessening of mosquito nuisance in this part of the Borough.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956-1968

1. During the year twelve complaints were received in connection with smoke nuisances. These were mostly in connection with the burning of rubbish on garden bonfires. Although Weymouth is not an industrial area and has no major smoke problems, a few installations continued to give occasional trouble.

In my reports for 1966 and 1967 I mentioned that the Central Electricity Generating Board had indicated that it was interested in the possibility of providing a 2,000 megawatt station within the Borough. In my report for 1968 I mentioned that the Board had informed the Town Council that no firm decision had been made, and it was unlikely that there would be any further development before the mid 1970's. No further information regarding this project was received during the year.

During the year thirty-seven visits were made to various premises in connection with duties under the Clean Air Acts, 1956 and 1968.

2. Volumetric Air Pollution Measurement

The Department has two volumetric air pollution measurement machines sited in areas which might be affected if an oil-fired power station were to be built on the Portland Harbour site. These continued in operation throughout the year and data

obtained was forwarded to the Ministry of Technology for incorporation in the national air pollution tables.

During the year 99 visits were made in connection with volumetric air pollution measurement.

3. The Town Council continued its membership of the National Society for Clean Air during the year.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Only one complaint regarding an alleged noise nuisance was received during the year. This was in connection with noise from pop groups in a Club in the Town area. The owner of the Club co-operated with the Town Council and carried out quite considerable sound-proofing works which minimised the noise coming from the building. Visits in connection with alleged noise nuisances totalled 34.

RODENT CONTROL

For the greater part of the year a specialist firm was employed to carry out rodent control work in the Borough, as the one full-time rodent operator was absent on sick leave. Unfortunately, our rodent operator had to retire on grounds of ill-health and his replacement commenced duties in September. It was not necessary to take any statutory action under the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act during the year. Statistics relating to the work carried out are as follows :

		<i>Type of Property</i>	
		<i>Non Agricultural</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
1.	(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	503	22
	(b) Number infested by		
	(i) Rats	477	22
	(ii) Mice	25	—
2.	(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	126	20
	(b) Number infested by		
	(i) Rats	38	11
	(ii) Mice	13	5
3.	Complaints re rats and mice ...	525.	
4.	In addition the Public Health Inspectors made 198 visits—mainly in connection with rat proofing and repairs to drainage systems.		

Treatment of the Sewers

Poison treatment of the sewers is carried out by specialist contractors. Three treatments were carried out during the year—in February, June and November. Marked infestation was found during the February treatment but the subsequent treatment showed only slight infestation.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are 52 public conveniences under the control of the Department and I am pleased to say that all were maintained to a good standard throughout the year.

One maintenance workman is employed in the Department for dealing with day-to-day maintenance and repairs to buildings and fittings. Urgent repairs were carried out with minimum delay and, during the winter months, time was devoted to re-decoration of the buildings.

New Conveniences

Plans for new conveniences in Dumbarton Road, Wyke Regis, were completed but building works were not commenced by the end of the year.

Free Hand Washing Facilities at Public Conveniences

The facilities for free hand-washing in public conveniences where attendants are employed were continued throughout 1969. In view of the limited size of the wash and brush-up rooms in conveniences on the sea front it was not possible to operate the scheme during the months of July, August and September.

Small wash hand basins with cold water taps for hand washing are provided in 33 of our public conveniences.

Wilful Damage

The extent of wilful damage in public conveniences showed no decrease and it involved the Department in a considerable amount of unnecessary work throughout the year. Special attention is given to the design of new conveniences so that they can be made vandal-proof as far as possible.

Supervision of Public Conveniences

Each year a considerable amount of time is devoted by the Department to the supervision of public conveniences. During 1969, 2,220 inspections were made by the Health Department staff.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS BYELAWS

Byelaws "for the purpose of securing the cleanliness of premises and persons carrying on the business of hairdressers and barbers" within the Borough have been adopted by the

Corporation and came into operation on the 1st May, 1964.

A total of 61 visits were made to hairdressers' and barbers' premises within the Borough during the year.

VERMINOUS PERSONS

As it is desirable that arrangements for dealing with verminous persons should be carried out with a minimum of delay, the Town Council in March, 1969, delegated their powers and duties under Section 85 of the Public Health Act, 1936 including the institution of legal proceedings, to the Medical Officer of Health.

It was not necessary to use these powers during the year.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Verminous premises are treated with liquid and powder insecticides, and, where necessary, articles of clothing and bedding are treated in the Department's steam disinfectant plant.

Facilities are available at the Health Centre for personal cleansing and as far as possible the treatment of persons, their clothing and premises, is carried out simultaneously.

Thirty-five premises were disinfested during 1969. The infestations were minor in character and were generally eliminated after one thorough treatment.

For many years it has been the Council's policy to carry out disinfestation free of charge when occupiers call on the Department for advice. I am quite certain that this policy has been justified as the number of infestations occurring in a Borough of this size is comparatively small.

Details of infestations were as follows :—

Fleas	...	...	...	...	23
Bugs	...	...	...	...	7
Lice	...	...	...	...	2
Cluster Flies	...	...	...	...	3

DISINFECTION

The Department's Manlove and Alliott steam disinfectant plant was modernised in 1960.

During the year 377 articles of clothing, bedding, etc., were disinfected and 12 library books received Formaldehyde disinfection.

Three houses and other premises were disinfected after cases of infectious disease.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

The number of inspections of Pet Shops carried out by Public Health Inspectors under the Pet Animals Act, 1951, was nine. Two applications for renewal of licence were received

during the year and were granted subject to appropriate conditions relating to the humane treatment of animals.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Two applications for licences to keep animal boarding establishments were received and granted subject to necessary conditions.

THE RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

The above Act came into operation on 1st April, 1965, and the Town Council decided that the licensing of riding establishments, which is required under the Act, should be under the control of the Health Committee.

The Act lays down requirements for riding establishments with regard to accommodation, pasture, shelter, food and drink; prevention and control of spread of disease, protection from fire, maintenance of good health, adequate accommodation for forage, bedding, stable equipment, etc.

Licences to keep riding establishments can only be issued after consideration of a report by a qualified Veterinary Officer and, for that reason, the Town Council appointed J. F. Henderson, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Surgeon to advise them under the provisions of the Act.

During the year only one application was made for a licence to keep a riding establishment and this was granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Veterinary Surgeon.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

During 1960 a survey of all the agricultural holdings in the Borough was carried out and where necessary, occupiers of holdings without sanitary accommodation were requested to make such provision in order to comply with the requirements of the Act.

Thirty-five visits were made under the provisions of this Act during the year but it was not necessary to take any formal action.

THE SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

Persons dealing in scrap metal are required to register with the local authority and all dealers are required to keep detailed registers of transactions. Six dealers are registered under the provisions of this Act. The Police have the right at all times to enter such premises and inspect any of the records which the dealer is required to keep.

Registration with the local authority covers a period of three years. Six visits were made in connection with this Act.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There is one rag and bone dealer's premises in the Borough which was established prior to the operation of the Public Health Act, 1936. Three visits have been made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year

HUMANE KILLER FOR CATS

The Department has the use of apparatus supplied by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the humane disposal of small animals.

I must once again thank the Society for their continued co-operation with the Health Department in connection with this work.

During the year 54 cats were dealt with.

PIGEONS

Further complaints were received during the year with regard to damage and nuisance caused by pigeons, particularly in the town area.

Towards the end of the year an offer was made by two local residents to control pigeons in the Town area at a cost of 15s. 0d. for each bird trapped. The Town Council did not approve this expenditure but a further offer was made by two other residents at a cost of 10s. 0d. per bird. This offer was accepted and trapping commenced early in 1970.

Forty-two visits were made in connection with pigeon control.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT

<i>Reason for Inspection</i>	<i>No. of premises visited</i>	<i>Number of visits including re-visits</i>	<i>Nuisances or defects found</i>	<i>Nuisances or defects remedied</i>
Premises under Public Health Act and Housing Acts ...	266	616	70	44
Drainage Works Only :				
(a) New buildings	177	1076	—	—
(b) Existing Buildings	130	1103	22	19
Camping Sites, Vans, Tents ...	18	277	15	18
Food Premises ...	346	911	81	95
Milk & Dairies Regulations	42	100	—	—
Factories Act ...	90	169	9	5
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act ...	182	345	101	124
Public Conveniences	52	2220	—	—
Number of Complaints received — 341				

OTHER VISITS

Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	9
Controlled Tip	...	...	...	...	52
Streams and Watercourses		...	...	...	99
Places of Entertainment	...	...	...	...	6
Destruction of Wasps Nests		...	...	...	72
Civic Amenities Act	...	...	...	...	9
Fouling of footpaths by dogs		...	...	...	4
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	12
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	856

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED

<i>NOTICES</i>					
		<i>Served</i>		<i>Complied</i>	
		<i>Informal</i>	<i>Statutory</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Statutory</i>
Public Health Act, 1936 :					
House Defects	...	24	1	18	1
Drainage	...	17	—	15	—
Other Defects	...	9	—	11	—
Factories Act, 1961	...	3	—	3	—
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960	...	36	—	30	—
Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966		1	—	9	—
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	1	—	2	—
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	41	—	42	—
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960		6	—	8	—
Hairdressers Byelaws	...	—	—	1	—
Housing Acts	...	1	—	1	—
Clean Air Act	...	1	—	1	—
Agriculture (Safety, etc. Provisions) Act, 1956	...	2	—	2	—
Pet Animal Act, 1951	...	1	—	1	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Survey of Action During Year

(1) Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i>
(a) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	6	2	—	—
(b) Factories not included in (a) above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	122	133	3	—
(c) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	39	22	—	—
Total ...	167	157	3	—

(2) Cases in which defects were found

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>No of Cases in which Defects were found</i>				<i>No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>To H.M. Inspector</i>	<i>Referred By H.M. Inspect.</i>	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	3	3	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	3	3	—	—	—

(3) Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>	<i>Number of Outworkers in August list re-quired by Section 133(1)(c)</i>	<i>Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i>	<i>Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>Number of instances of work in un-wholesome premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prose-cutions</i>
Wearing apparel (making etc., Cleaning and Washing)	5	—	—	—	—	—
Nets, other than wire nets	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	—	—	—	—	—

(4) Total inspections for all purposes (including outworkers)

<i>No. of Premises visited</i>	<i>No. of visits including re-visits</i>	<i>Defects found</i>	<i>Defects remedied</i>
90	169	9	5

**BOROUGH OF WEYMOUTH AND
MELCOMBE REGIS**



**METEOROLOGICAL
DEPARTMENT**

*Summary for the
Year 1969*



Lat. $50^{\circ} 36' 20''$ N. Long. $2^{\circ} 26' 50''$ W.
21 feet above Sea Level



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Weymouth

Remarks

GENERAL

The year came in wet, January, February, March and May all having rain in excess of the average — 1.12 ins., 0.24 ins., 1.28 ins. and 1.96 ins. respectively. Summer appeared late in coming, but June and July produced sunshine in excess of the average — 51.9 hours and 38.7 hours respectively.

In spite of its wet beginning the year's rainfall at 29.80 ins. was 1.24 ins. less than the average. The greatest rainfall (1.47 ins.) occurred on 6th November and the longest sunshine (14.5 hours) was recorded on 12th July.

Temperatures generally were a little below normal, the highest being 77°F. on 10th and 13th June and the lowest 23°F. on 16th February.

Neither snow nor thunderstorms were recorded.

THE WINDS

Observed daily at 0900 B.S.T. to 8 points of the Compass

1969 Month	N.	DIRECTION					S.W.	W.	N.W.	Calm
		N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.					
January	0	0	1	4	4	11	3	2	6	
February	6	6	2	1	1	2	0	7	3	
March	1	9	11	1	0	5	2	0	2	
April	2	5	4	2	1	5	6	2	3	
May	0	4	7	4	2	8	3	2	1	
June	3	6	4	1	2	5	7	2	0	
July	1	1	11	1	1	4	10	2	0	
August	4	3	6	0	1	2	9	5	1	
September	1	19	1	0	2	4	1	2	0	
October	2	3	7	3	1	4	6	3	2	
November	3	4	0	0	2	7	8	4	2	
December	2	4	4	1	0	3	3	5	9	
Total	25	64	58	18	17	60	58	36	29	

RAINFALL

1969 Month	Total Fall Inches	Percentage of Average	Days of 0.01 inches or more	Wet Days of 0.04 inches or more	Greatest fall in 24 hours	Date	Rainless Days	
January	...	4.31	135	2	18	0.59	12th	7
February	...	2.56	113	4	10	0.67	21st	10
March	...	3.30	163	1	14	0.84	12th	11
April	...	1.74	97	2	7	0.49	21st	16
May	...	3.91	201	5	14	0.73	25th	6
June	...	0.87	60	1	5	0.38	17th	21
July	...	1.94	90	2	3	0.97	8th	24
August	...	0.83	38	0	4	0.42	11th	20
September	...	0.97	39	5	4	0.41	11th	16
October	...	0.21	61	4	2	0.07	19th	21
November	...	5.92	158	2	17	1.47	6th	9
December	...	3.24	93	3	14	0.46	14th	8
Year	...	29.80	106	31	112	1.47	6th Nov.	106

BRIGHT SUNSHINE

1969 Month	Actual Sunshine (Hours)	Percentage of Average	Greatest Daily Amount (Hours)	Date	Number of Days with Sunshine Recorded	Sunless Days	Cloud Amount 1—8 9 a.m.
January	...	65	6.2	27th	20	11	6.0
February	...	56	8.8	13th	21	7	4.5
March	...	59	10.0	7th	16	15	6.5
April	...	125	13.2	29th	29	1	3.7
May	...	92	13.8	26th	29	2	4.7
June	...	122	14.4	24th	29	1	2.9
July	...	118	14.5	12th	29	2	4.3
August	...	99	13.6	7th	29	2	4.6
September	...	72	10.9	3rd	25	5	5.3
October	...	113	9.4	10th	25	6	5.0
November	...	147	8.0	13th	22	8	5.0
December	...	77	6.7	13th	15	16	5.8
Year	...	95	14.5	12th July	289	76	4.9

PRESSURE (Inches) 9.00 a.m. B.S.T.

Barometer Readings at 0900 hours B.S.T., corrected for Temperature and Altitude

1969	Month	Mean Inches	Highest Inches	Date	Lowest Inches	Date	Relative Humidity %	Vapour Pressure (Millibars)
	January	...	29.91	30.70	2nd	13th	86.6	9.2
	February	...	29.91	30.63	5th	20th	86.2	7.4
	March	...	30.02	30.53	27th	13th	80.5	7.5
	April	...	30.11	30.62	4th	22nd	74.1	9.1
	May	...	29.88	30.25	22nd	30th	83.3	11.8
	June	...	30.03	30.38	28th	18th	73.1	10.1
	July	...	30.28	30.54	13th	29th	78.4	16.3
	August	...	30.05	30.38	6th	12th	77.1	15.7
	September	...	30.06	30.40	23rd	11th	81.6	14.5
	October	...	30.16	30.61	27th	19th	88.5	14.3
	November	...	29.71	30.45	5th	12th	81.0	8.6
	December	...	29.90	30.40	9th	15th	87.2	7.8
	Mean	...	30.02	30.49	2nd January	22nd April	81.5	11.1

METEOROLOGICAL ABSTRACT

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Highest Shade Temperature (° Fah.)	79	72	79	76	79	82
Lowest Shade Temperature (° Fah.)	23	19	24	22	25	23
Mean Maximum Temperature (° Fah.)	57.1	56.3	58.0	56.9	56.3	56.8
Mean Minimum Temperature (° Fah.)	45.8	44.6	45.7	46.1	46.3	44.8
Mean Temperature (° Fah.)	51.4	50.4	51.8	51.6	51.3	50.5
Total Rainfall (inches)	21.84	32.80	36.65	32.71	37.27	29.80
Hours of Bright Sunshine	1734.5	1731.8	1778.4	1863.5	1606.8	1767.4
Number of Days with Sunshine	287	312	295	291	289	280
Greatest daily amount of sunshine (hours)	14.6	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.4	14.5
Highest Barometer Reading (inches)	30.97	30.72	30.50	30.79	30.73	30.70
Lowest Barometer Reading (inches)	29.24	28.61	29.04	29.00	28.81	28.70

TEMPERATURE OF THE AIR (Fah.)

1969 Month	9 a.m. Mean	Max. Mean	Min. Mean	Max & Min. Mean	Differences from Average	Highest	Date	'lowest	Date
January	45.7	49.2	42.0	45.6	+3.5	53	24th, 25th and 27th	30	1st & 17th
February	37.7	43.0	32.6	37.8	-4.1	52	22nd	23	16th
March	41.3	47.4	36.7	42.0	-2.8	53	18th & 29th	24	28th
April	49.8	55.7	40.3	48.0	-.9	62	8th	28	3rd
May	53.7	58.7	45.9	52.3	-1.7	67	13th	36	20th
June	61.0	67.1	51.1	59.1	-.3	77	10th & 13th	39	5th
July	64.4	69.5	55.6	62.5	+.3	76	15th	47	30th
August	63.8	69.3	55.1	62.2	-.6	76	10th	46	24th
September	58.4	65.5	53.2	59.3	-.2	73	3rd	37	30th
October	57.9	63.3	51.4	57.4	+3.4	71	9th	38	30th
November	45.6	51.0	38.8	44.9	-3.1	62	2nd	26	30th
December	41.0	42.2	35.2	35.9	-8.2	55	3rd	28	1st, 5th & 31st
Year	51.7	56.8	44.8	50.5	-1.2	77	10th & 13th June	23	16th Feb.

WEYMOUTH SUNSHINE HOURS RECORD SINCE 1895

<i>Year</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Hours</i>
1895 ...	1953.7	1914 ...	1826.8	1933 ...	1987.3	1952 ...	1895.5
1896 ...	1904.0	1915 ...	1729.8	1934 ...	1807.0	1953 ...	1916.5
1897 ...	1827.5	1916 ...	1677.5	1935 ...	1706.2	1954 ...	1711.0
1898 ...	1828.4	1917 ...	1653.5	1936 ...	1549.3	1955 ...	2009.4
1899 ...	2030.2	1918 ...	1804.9	1937 ...	1628.5	1956 ...	1855.4
1900 ...	1624.7	1919 ...	1803.5	1938 ...	1646.6	1957 ...	1851.2
1901 ...	1675.9	1920 ...	1523.4	1939 ...	1786.4	1958 ...	1607.7
1902 ...	1421.4	1921 ...	1934.6	1940 ...	1883.3	1959 ...	2083.1
1903 ...	1554.0	1922 ...	1748.0	1941 ...	1669.0	1960 ...	1834.7
1904 ...	1675.6	1923 ...	1695.6	1942 ...	1663.0	1961 ...	1835.8
1905 ...	1706.9	1924 ...	1687.6	1943 ...	1769.0	1962 ...	1845.2
1906 ...	1908.3	1925 ...	1710.1	1944 ...	1741.1	1963 ...	1622.6
1907 ...	1784.1	1926 ...	1554.4	1945 ...	1564.9	1964 ...	1734.5
1908 ...	1875.9	1927 ...	1692.7	1946 ...	1648.2	1965 ...	1731.8
1909 ...	1938.3	1928 ...	1898.9	1947 ...	1626.2	1966 ...	1778.4
1910 ...	1693.7	1929 ...	2024.1	1948 ...	1877.5	1967 ...	1863.5
1911 ...	2090.9	1930 ...	1803.7	1949 ...	2055.3	1968 ...	1606.8
1912 ...	1582.4	1931 ...	1582.8	1950 ...	1820.6	1969 ...	1767.4
1913 ...	1583.7	1932 ...	1554.4	1951 ...	1828.3		

Greatest amount of Sunshine in one year: 2090.9 in 1911

Least amount of Sunshine in one year: 1421.4 in 1902

Average Sunshine : 1764.9



