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To the Chairman and Members,
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November, 1973

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1972 on the health of the Winchester Rural District.

The general health of the district continues to be satisfactory. The notification figures for infectious disease are low and no serious outbreaks of such illness have occurred during the year.

The department receives much assistance from the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Dr. M. H. Hughes, whose professional advice is most appreciated - both in the control of communicable disease and in the preventive public health field. We are also fortunate in having close liaison with many family doctors and also with the health visitors, nurses and other members of the County Health Department.

I wish to thank the Members of the Council, especially the Health Committee, for their interest in the varied topics that have been discussed in 1972. I also wish to acknowledge the cooperation and help that I have received from my colleagues in other departments of the Council and in other regions of activity.

I am grateful to the staff of the Public Health Department for their painstaking work in the preparation of this Annual Report.

P. J. SPELLER.

Medical Officer of Health.

A. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	109,605
Population (mid-1972)	...	...	...	63,650
Number of inhabited dwellings	...	...	...	21,186
Rateable Value (at 1st April 1972)	...	...	...	£2,678,873
Estimated penny rate product (1972-73)	...	...	...	£26,700

Population

		<u>Census</u> <u>1961</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>1972</u>
General Population	...	46,237	63,650
Number of inhabited dwellings	...	14,450	21,186
Number of persons per dwelling	...	3.19	3.00

The estimated increase in the population is 880 as compared with that shown for the previous year.

The parishes showing the largest increases were Bursledon, Hedge End, and Fair Oak, with smaller increases in the parishes of West End, New Alresford and Littleton.

Particulars of the population and the number of dwellings in each of the various parishes is shown in the following table:

PARISH	POPULATION		DWELLINGS		
	Census 1961	Estimated 1972	Council Houses	Caravans	Total Dwellings
Abbotts Barton ...	23	37	-	-	9
Beauworth ...	149	101	-	1	41
Bighton ...	179	166	4	-	66
Bishops Sutton ...	538	609	18	-	202
Botley ...	1,423	2,132	133	9	626
Bramdean ...	535	547	20	-	241
Bursledon ...	3,560	4,421	515	12	1,522
Cheriton ...	563	640	27	3	217
Chilcomb ...	176	159	-	24	62
Colden Common ...	1,668	2,511	98	186	840
Compton ...	1,273	1,425	87	2	444
Crawley ...	498	475	16	2	162
Fair Oak ...	1,858	3,607	153	39	1,136
Hamble ...	3,001	3,363	327	44	1,059
Headbourne Worthy	823	692	8	7	398
Hedge End ...	4,464	8,886	278	242	3,074
Hound ...	4,992		570	7	1,187
Hursley ...	728	726	31	1	315
Itchen Stoke & Ovington ...	253	266	6	1	113
Itchen Valley ...	1,217	1,338	65	4	458
Kilmeston ...	216	214	10	2	92
Kings Worthy ...	2,113	2,711	331	9	937
Littleton ...	985	3,428	25	42	1,072
Micheldever ...	1,091	1,061	51	5	415
New Alresford ...	2,159	3,902	328	48	1,376
Northington ...	205	228	-	4	95
Old Alresford ...	527	550	34	-	185
Olivers Battery ...	747	1,573	-	35	528
Otterbourne ...	808	1,014	52	5	347
Owslebury ...	717	802	69	5	268
Sparsholt ...	715	713	66	4	230
Tichborne ...	192	194	-	-	79
Twyford ...	1,411	1,657	115	5	587
West End ...	5,064	6,022	216	101	2,047
Wonston ...	1,385	2,344	95	56	797

VITAL STATISTICS

	Win- chester R.D.C.	Hamp- shire C.C.	England & Wales (Provisional)
Number of live births ...	938	16,592	725,405
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (crude rate)	14.7		14.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total births ...	3	6	9
Number of stillbirths ...	5	159	8,794
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths ...	5	9	12
Total live and stillbirths ...	943	16,751	734,199
Infant deaths ...	16	242	12,494
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (total) ...	17	15	17
Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	16	15	17
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	37	14	21
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	13	9	12
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births) ...	12	8	10
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 live and stillbirths) ...	17	17	22
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	nil	1	-
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths ...	nil	0.06	0.15

Births

			<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live births (legitimate)	...	448	463	911	945
Live births (illegitimate)	...	14	13	27	48
Live birth rate (corrected)	...	-	-	14.6	16.6
Live birth rate (England and Wales)	...	-	-	14.8	16.0

Deaths

			<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total deaths	...	331	362	693	690
Death rate (corrected)	...	-	-	9.9	9.6
Death rate (England and Wales)	...	-	-	12.1	11.7

Deaths by Age Groups

Age Group	M.	F.	Total	Percentage of total deaths	Chief causes of death
Under 1 year	10	6	16	4.3	
1 - 14 years	2	4	6		
15 - 24 years	7	1	8		
25 - 44 years	11	5	16	2.3	Malignant disease (50)
45 - 64 years	79	44	123	17.8	Heart disease (42)
65 - 74 years	93	67	160	23.1	Heart disease (169) Cerebro-vascular disease (77)
75 years and over	129	235	364	52.5	Other circulatory disease (32) Malignant disease (79) Pneumonia (57)

Causes of death are shown in the following table:

Cause of death	1972			1971
	M	F	Total	Total
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	1	-	1	-
Late effects of respiratory tuberculosis ...	1	-	1	-
Other tuberculosis	-	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity	2	2	4	5
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	1	-	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	12	8	20	17
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	8	12	20	17
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	27	7	34	24
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	11	11	16
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	4	4	3
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	1	-	1	6
Leukaemia	5	1	6	4
Other malignant neoplasms	13	17	30	30
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	-	2	2	1
Diabetes mellitus	5	2	7	6
Other endocrine etc. diseases	-	1	1	1
Anaemias	1	1	2	3
Mental disorders	3	2	5	7
Other diseases of nervous system	4	5	9	7
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	5	5	10	11
Hypertensive disease	5	9	14	14
Ischaemic heart disease	94	79	173	150
Other forms of heart disease	10	14	24	38
Cerebrovascular disease	34	55	89	85
Other diseases of circulatory system	15	28	43	37
Influenza	3	10	13	2
Pneumonia	19	41	60	47
Bronchitis and emphysema	16	7	23	19
Asthma	-	1	1	2
Peptic ulcer	2	3	5	3
Appendicitis	1	1	2	3
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	1	1	2
Other diseases of digestive system	6	3	9	10
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	4	5	4
Diseases of musculo skeletal system	1	2	3	1
Congenital anomalies	4	1	5	10
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	4	2	6	5
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	2	3	4
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	3	4	7	10
Motor vehicle accidents	10	6	16	9
All other accidents	6	6	12	5
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	4	2	6	4
Other causes	-	-	-	10
Total all causes	331	362	693	636

Maternal Deaths

There were no maternal deaths in the district during the year.

Infant Deaths

	<u>1972</u>			<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths under 1 year - legitimate	10	5	15	21	12
Deaths under 1 year - illegitimate	-	1	1	-	1
Winchester R.D.C. Quinquennial rate (average of five years)	-	-	14.2	15.4	15.3
England and Wales Quinquennial rate	-	-	17.8	18.1	18.0

Cause of death					Under 4 weeks	4 weeks to 1 year
Congenital anomalies	...	...	...		3	2
Birth injury, etc.	...	...	...		6	-
Infection	...	...	...	...	-	-
Others	...	...	...	...	3	2
Totals	...	...	...		12	4

Stillbirths

	<u>1972</u>			<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of births - legitimate	3	2	5	12	3
Number of births - illegitimate	-	-	-	1	-

The causes of death are shown in the following table:

Cause					Male	Female	Total
Macerated foetus	...	...			-	-	-
Congenital abnormalities	...	...			-	1	1
Foetal anoxia	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Maternal causes	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Other causes	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Unknown	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Totals	...	...	...		3	2	5

Perinatal Deaths

	<u>1972</u>			<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total stillbirths and deaths under one week	9	7	16	27	15

B. EPIDEMIOLOGY

GENERAL HEALTH

The number of claims in respect of sickness submitted to the Ministry of Social Security for the South-Eastern Region (excluding Greater London) during the year was slightly less than the average for the past five years.

The figures for the first half of the year showed a decrease of just under 7%, but in the second half of the year, the total number increased by approximately 5% as compared with the past five years.

CANCER

The following table gives the number of deaths during 1972 from cancer in various regions and the average age at death:

	Male	Female	Average age at death	Age range
Alimentary tract	23	22	75	52 - 89
Lung, bronchus	27	7	65	52 - 82
Breast	-	11	65	33 - 87
Prostate	1	-	73	-
Bladder	4	1	72	51 - 92
Uterus	-	4	80	70 - 87
Leukaemia	5	1	54	27 - 66
Others	9	16	69	36 - 90

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The table below shows the number of notifications received in respect of various infectious diseases during the past five years:

Year	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Infective Jaundice	Dysentery	Diphtheria	Polio-myelitis	Enteric Fever	Cerebro-Spinal Fever
1968	54	13	1	-	49	-	-	-	-
1969	26	1	2	17	80	-	-	-	-
1970	137	-	7	3	10	-	-	-	-
1971	198	10	4	4	8	-	-	-	-
1972	9	4	3	3	2	-	-	-	-

Food Poisoning

Twenty cases of food poisoning were notified.

Eighteen of these were due to *Salmonella typhi-murium*, eleven of which occurred in four family outbreaks at West End, Headbourne Worthy, Owslebury and New Alresford and seven in individual cases in various parishes.

Of the two remaining cases, one was due to *Salmonella newport* and the other due to *Salmonella hindmarsh*.

Tuberculosis

The table below shows the number of cases during the year:

Age Group	Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 14 years	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	1	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	1	1	-	-
45 - 64 years	-	1	-	-
65 years and over	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	2	-	-

The following table refers to new cases, cases transferred to the district and mortality during the past five years:

Year	New Cases					Transferred to District					Deaths				
	Pulm.		Non-pulm.		Total	Pulm.		Non-pulm.		Total	Pulm.		Non-pulm.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1968	4	3	-	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
1969	6	1	-	-	7	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
1970	4	2	-	2	8	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1971	2	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1972	2	2	-	-	4	1	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	3

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Smallpox. 59 children received primary vaccination at clinics and surgeries and 133 were re-vaccinated.

Diphtheria. Primary immunisation was given to 966 children under four years of age and 7 to children aged four and over. In addition, 1,189 were given booster doses.

Poliomyelitis. 988 children received a course of three doses and 1,493 received a booster dose during the year.

Measles. 1,258 children were immunised during the year.

Rubella. 389 girls were immunised against rubella.

Whooping Cough. 942 children under four and 2 aged four and over were immunised; 141 received boosting doses.

Tetanus. 994 children received primary immunisation and 1,557 were given booster injections during the year.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

Children of thirteen years and over at four schools in the District were offered B.C.G. vaccination during the year. The table below shows the details:

	Wildern School, Hedge End	Wyvern School, Fair Oak	Hamble Secondary School	Perin's School, Alresford
Forms returned consenting to tuberculin testing and, if necessary, vaccination	220	223	150	152
Children tuberculin tested	193	194	117	128
Children tuberculin positive	16	21	17	7
Children tuberculin negative	151	159	86	116
Children vaccinated	151	159	86	116

C. GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The majority of the cases in the district requiring hospital or specialist services are referred to the Royal Hampshire County Hospital. This also applies to maternity cases. Patients in the southern parishes, however, are more likely to be referred to the Southampton General Hospital. All these hospitals are administered by the Wessex Regional Hospital Board.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICE

The area is covered largely by general practitioners in group practices in Winchester, Southampton and Eastleigh and by smaller group practices in Alresford, Micheldever, Twyford, Hamble, Hedge End, West End and Wonston.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

Maternity, Child Welfare and Health Visiting

Child Health Clinics are held in most of the parishes either weekly, fortnightly or monthly, depending on the population and attendance of mothers and children. These clinics are attended by a Health Visitor and, in most cases, by a Doctor. The attachment scheme, whereby the nursing staff, including a Health Visitor, is attached to a General Practitioner Group has been working satisfactorily.

In addition to the clinics, Health Visitors are informed of the births of all children in their areas and visit and offer help and advice. If accepted, the child is followed up throughout infancy and later in school.

District Nursing

The annual statistics for nurses' work are shown below:

		<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Total Cases		1,732	1,056	1,242
Midwifery		89	72	156
General Cases		1,643	984	1,086
Total number of visits		25,116	25,973	25,433

Home Help Service

The number of cases assisted during the year was above average as compared with the previous three years.

Details are overleaf.

(a) Number of new applications received:

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Total received and investigated ...	296	242	237
Number assisted	187	159	162

(b) Summary of cases assisted during the year:

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Maternity	30	32	36
Emergency sickness	7	11	18
Post Hospital	18	22	19
Chronic sickness	52	33	34
Aged, sick and infirm	288	236	221
Others	7	5	4
	<u>402</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>332</u>

Nurseries and Child Minders Regulations

There are no Local Authority Day Nurseries in the area, but there are a number of privately conducted nurseries.

Number on register, January 1972	59
Registrations cancelled during year	<u>6</u>
	53
New registrations during year	<u>8</u>
Number on register, December 1972	<u>61</u>

The nurseries are regularly inspected by Health Visitors and are satisfactorily conducted.

Welfare Foods

Welfare foods are distributed at some doctor's surgeries, Child Health Clinics, Women's Royal Voluntary Services centres, and at many village stores.

Old People's Welfare

The welfare of old people is statutorily under the County Social Services Department.

There is also a growing body of voluntary workers in this field and the Hampshire Council of Social Service take an active interest in fostering and co-ordinating the voluntary work for the aged.

There are several clubs scattered in the various parishes and in many, in addition to all the club facilities, chiropody clinics are held and are proving a very useful and popular service.

The Meals on Wheels Service which is administered by the Social Services Department in conjunction with the Women's Royal Voluntary Service was extended during last year to cover Littleton, Micheldever, Sparsholt, Sutton Scotney and Wonston. The service now operates in the following areas:

Bighton	Fair Oak	Littleton	Otterbourne
Botley	Hamble	Martyr Worthy	Sparsholt
Compton	Hedge End	Micheldever	Sutton Scotney
Colden Common	Hound	New Alresford	Twyford
Easton	Kings Worthy	Old Alresford	West End
			Wonston

The charge to the recipient is 10p and meals were supplied on three (or, in some areas, two) days per week.

Health Education

The Rural Information Service is continuing its activities in the parishes.

The Health Education Section of the County Medical Department has provided speakers and visual aids for talks to various groups.

National Assistance Act, 1948

It was not found necessary to take any action under the above Act during the year.

D. SANITARY CONDITIONS

Details of this section are contained largely in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Weather

The most notable features of the weather during 1972 were the above average rainfall (36.97 inches being recorded as compared with 30.01 inches the previous year), the high temperatures (for that time of the year) recorded in the latter half of March and a particularly unpleasant May with low temperatures, cold winds and with 26 "rain days" being recorded during the month.

The year opened with a cold spell with some snow and rain but this soon gave way to comparatively mild weather which continued throughout January and February, with above average rainfall during the latter month. The first two weeks of March brought heavy rain,

some snow and occasional gale force winds, causing severe flooding in the south of the country; the latter half of the month, however, was very pleasant with abnormally high temperatures for the time of the year. April and May consisted mainly of unsettled weather, May being unusually cold and wet. July and August (with the exception of the last week) brought welcome dry periods with warm days and plenty of sunshine. September and October were mainly dry but unsettled weather returned in November and in the middle of the month heavy rain and gale force winds caused flooding and severe damage over most of the country. The beginning of December was marked by heavy rain, but the year ended with a dry and mild spell.

Housing

Three hundred and fifty-seven new houses and flats were erected in the District during 1972. Of these fifty-six were erected on behalf of the Council and three hundred and one were built by private enterprise.

The main development was in Bursledon and Hedge End and, to a lesser extent, in Littleton and Fair Oak.

Water

Parishes to the north and north-west of Winchester are supplied by Winchester Corporation's mains and the remainder of the District by the Southampton Corporation supply.

The water has been satisfactory in quality and quantity throughout the year; a copy of a report of a typical chemical analysis is shown in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector and bacteriological samples submitted for analysis have been satisfactory. None of the water supplied is liable to have plumbo-solvent action; the average fluoride content of the Winchester and Southampton supplies was 0.10 and 0.15 parts per million respectively.

Sewage Disposal

Kings Worthy, etc. Scheme: In September tenders were invited for the construction of the necessary works in connection with the above scheme and the Council decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Tilbury Construction Ltd.

In December, the Department of the Environment notified the Council that they raised no objection to the acceptance of this tender.

Sutton Scotney and Wonston Scheme: In May, the Council's Consulting Engineers submitted a scheme for the installation of a sewerage system for Sutton Scotney and Wonston and a Sub-Committee formed to consider the scheme in detail recommended its adoption; the Consulting Engineers were asked to prepare the necessary plans.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND PUBLIC CLEANSING OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1972

November, 1973

To the Chairman and Members,
Winchester Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1972.

No staff changes occurred during the year, thus enabling progress to be made without difficulty on the duties controlled by the department.

I wish to record my appreciation of the co-operation and assistance which have been given to me by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Health and other Committees and the Officers of the Council.

E. M. ORGAN

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Public Cleansing Officer.

VISITS

The following table shows the number of visits made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year.

Drainage etc.	402	Inspection of	
Stables and Piggeries ...	19	foodstuffs	155
Offensive		Other food premises ...	24
accumulations	97	Watercress beds	25
Rats and mice	57	Water supplies	50
Insect pests	98	Water sampling	78
Ponds, ditches, etc. ...	102	Miscellaneous sampling ...	23
Atmospheric pollution ...	185	Visits etc. sampling ...	21
Offices, Shops and		Farms	35
Railway Premises	346	Drainage of trade	
Factories	25	premises	8
Outworkers' premises ...	4	Housing - Housing Acts	318
Noise abatement	41	Housing - Public Health	
Animal Boarding		Acts	165
Establishments and		Houses in multiple	
Pet Animals	35	occupation	11
Keeping of Animals	33	Caravans, etc.	269
Bakeries	16	Filthy or verminous	
Butchers	26	premises	37
Fishmongers	14	Disinfection	2
Sweet Shops	24	Improvement Grants ...	696
Grocers and		Miscellaneous	
Greengrocers	73	housing inspections ...	51
Dairies and Milk		Infectious diseases	
Distributors	7	and food poisoning ...	318
Ice-cream premises	27	Petrol installations ...	341
Hotels, Restaurants		Miscellaneous	
Cafes, etc.	45	inspections	510
Licensed premises	91	Oil pollution,	
Food stalls and		Beaches	9
Street vendors	17	Refuse	351
Meat inspection	18	Litter	25

HOUSING

Housing Allocation Scheme

Details, as compared with 1971 are as follows:

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
(a) New Council houses and flats occupied ...	56	59
(b) Number of "live" applications for accommodation at 31st December. ...	868	783

Provision of new houses and flats

26 houses and 30 flats have been erected for the Council during the year in the undermentioned parishes:

Bursledon 8	Hamble (flats) 12
Crawley 2	Hedge End (flats) 16
Otterbourne 6	Hound (flats) 2
Twyford 10	

In addition, 300 houses and 1 flat were erected by private enterprise during the year in the undermentioned parishes:

Hedge End 52	Kings Worthy 5
Bursledon 49	Northington 5
Littleton 29	Hursley 4
Fair Oak 23	Owslebury (inc. 1 flat) 3
Olivers Battery 19	Old Alresford 3
West End 17	Bramdean 3
Hound 17	Headbourne Worthy 2
Colden Common 14	Cheriton 2
New Alresford 16	Itchen Valley 2
Wonston 10	Kilmeston 1
Hamble 9	Bishops Sutton 1
Compton 7	Micheldever 1
Otterbourne 7	

The following table shows the number of houses built for the Council since 1945:

Parish	Houses	Flats	Prefabs	Total
Bighton	4	-	-	4
Bishops Sutton	10	-	-	10
Botley	95	16	-	111
Bramdean	20	-	-	20
Bursledon	328	136	-	464
Cheriton	17	-	-	17
Colden Common	62	20	8	90
Compton	48	25	-	73
Crawley	10	-	-	10
Fair Oak	87	48	-	135
Hamble	149	36	27	212
Hedge End	196	16	11	223
Hound	297	12	61	371
Hursley	31	-	-	31
Itchen Stoke and Ovington	6	-	-	6
Itchen Valley	26	-	-	26
Kilmeston	10	-	-	10
Kings Worthy	228	72	-	300
Littleton	17	-	-	17
Micheldever	35	9	-	44
New Alresford	185	99	-	284
Old Alresford	24	-	-	24
Otterbourne	28	12	-	34
Owslebury	41	16	-	57
Sparsholt	38	8	-	46
Twyford	65	12	-	77
West End	146	40	-	186
Wonston	59	16	-	75
Totals	2,236	593	107	2,962

Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses

The following table shows the action taken during the year in respect of unfit dwellings:

Number of Demolition Orders made	...	...	...	...	11
Number of Closing Orders made	...	...	...	...	12
Number of Undertakings given not to permit use of dwellings for human habitation	...	...	...	...	2
Number of properties reconditioned following Statutory action under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	6

The following table shows the number of houses to be demolished, the number of unfit houses closed and the number of unfit houses made fit during the year:

1. HOUSES DEMOLISHED			
	Number	Displaced	
		Persons	Families
<u>In Clearance Areas:</u>	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas:</u>			
Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 16 or Sec. 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957.	10	11	6
2. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
Under Sec. 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957 and Sec. 26, Hsg. Act, 1961.	12	25	12
Parts of buildings closed under Sec. 18, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-

3. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT					
				By Owner	By L.A.
After informal action by Local Authority ...				-	-
After formal notice under:					
(a) Public Health Acts				-	-
(b) Sec. 9 & 16, Housing Act, 1957				-	-
Previously included in a Demolition					
Order which has been revoked				1	-
Previously included in a Closing					
Order which has been determined				5	-

The following is a summary of defects remedied during the year as a result of formal or informal notices:

Chimney pots	1	Ceiling plaster	2
Chimney stacks	1	Wood floors	4
Leaking roofs	6	Solid floors	2
Broken/missing slates	3	Inadequate lighting ...	1
Leaking/broken guttering	3	Drainage	2
Rainwater pipes	2	Unsatisfactory	
Brickwork to walls	2	water supply	1
Pointing to walls	2		
Window sills	3	<u>Sanitary accommodation:</u>	
Window frames	8	Roofs, walls	11
Sashes/sashcords	5	Defective pipes	1
Putties	3	Flushing apparatus ...	1
Glazing	3	Broken W.C. pan	1
Dampness to walls	31	Other defects	3

Improvement Grants

The following details show the process for the year under review:

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>Total over last 5 years</u>
Applications approved	128	104	377
Applications withdrawn by applicants	2	-	13
Total visits made in connection with			
Improvement Grants	696	495	1,941
Grants made to:			
Owner-occupied properties	86	84	282
Tenanted properties	40	30	110

Qualification Certificates

44 applications were received during the year. The necessary inspections and visits were made in many cases in conjunction with Improvement Grants and other associated Housing Act procedure, and are, therefore, not separately recorded.

Caravans

Fourteen privately-owned licensed sites provide facilities for 563 residential caravans. One of these sites, in addition, caters for holiday caravans and tents during the summer months.

The two sites provided and administered by this Authority provide facilities for a further 183 residential caravans and for 15 short-stay caravans.

OFFICIAL SEARCHES

The practice of submitting written reports from this Department on all official searches on land and buildings was continued and during the year 2419 applications were dealt with in this manner.

WATER SUPPLY

Mains Supplies

A number of parishes on the north and north-western boundaries of Winchester City are supplied by them with mains water; the mains supply to the remaining parishes in the rural district is provided by Southampton Corporation.

Samples from these supplies are submitted regularly for bacteriological and chemical analysis and reports received on these samples have shown them to be satisfactory. A copy of the Analyst's report on the water supplied by Winchester Corporation is shown below:

Physical Examination

Colour - Hazen units: 5 Odour: - Normal
Appearance: - Clear and bright

General Chemical Examination (in parts per million)

Reaction (pH value)	7.6	Total Alkalinity(as CaCO_3)	230
Free Carbon Dioxide (as CO_2) ..	14	Oxygen absorbed from	
Free & Saline Nitrogen (as N) ..	0.01	N/80 permanganate in 4	
Albuminoid Nitrogen (as N) ...	0.01	hours at 27°C	0.05
Nitrous Nitrogen (as N)	0.01	Total Dissolved Solids	
Nitric Nitrogen (as N)	4.0	(dried at 180°C)	340
Total hardness by E.D.T.A.		Free Chlorine	Trace
method (as CaCO_3)	245		
Temporary hardness (as CaCO_3) ..	230		
Permanent hardness (as CaCO_3) ..	15		

Mineral Analysis (in parts per million)

Calcium as Ca	95	Nitrate as NO_2	0.05
Magnesium as Mg	1.0	Silicate as SiO_2	16
Sodium as Na	6	Iron as Fe	0.05
Carbonate as CO_3	138	Lead as Pb	0.05
Chloride as Cl	14	Copper as Cu	0.06
Sulphate as SO_4	6	Zinc as Zn	0.05
Nitrate as NO_3	18	Fluorine as F	Nil

Observations

The results show the sample to be of good quality and free from pollution or contamination.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat and Other Foods

Details of meat and other foods condemned as unsound during the year are as follows:

Canned meats	48 lbs.
Other canned food	414 lbs.
Other food	262 lbs.

General

A number of complaints were received and investigated during the year and legal proceedings were instituted in two cases, details of which are as follows:

1. A bottle of milk delivered by a roundsman was found to contain two pieces of glass approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " long, together with two smaller particles. A fine of £30 was imposed.
2. A bottle of milk delivered to a Primary School in the District and issued to one of the pupils was found to contain a small fragment of glass; in this case the Magistrates imposed a fine of £40.

Sampling of Food

The Hampshire County Council is the sampling Authority under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. I am indebted to Mr. J. S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer under the Act for the following details as to substances sampled during the year.

336 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Winchester Rural District Council.

Milk Samples

177 samples of milk, including 29 of "Channel Islands" varieties, were taken.

One sample taken from a farm tank was found to contain 0.15 international units per millilitre of antibiotics, or three times the amount considered acceptable. Proceedings were taken and resulted in the defendant being given an absolute discharge on payment of £12.70 costs. Another sample was slightly low in fat, but due to natural causes and, therefore, not involving any offence in the case of ordinary milk. The result was, however, taken up with the producer with a view to an improvement in the quality of the milk being achieved.

Miscellaneous Samples

Of 159 samples of other foods and drugs, only three were the subject of adverse reports, two of which arose from consumer complaints. After appropriate investigations these matters were dealt with by warnings to the manufacturers and vendor responsible. Particulars are as follows:

(a) Steak and Kidney Pie - contained foreign matter

A small patch of brownish fibre consisting of animal hair was found in the product.

(b) Potato Crisps - contained foreign matter

The contents of the packet included a small fragment of pasty matter made up of fragments of potato crisps, vegetable oil and salt in which a small piece of string was entwined.

(c) Buttered Buns - fat consisted of margarine

It appeared that margarine instead of butter had been used owing to a misunderstanding on the part of a temporary employee.

General

In addition to sampling of food and drugs, attention was given to the descriptions and labelling of these articles in connection with the requirements of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. No complaints of a serious nature were reported but various omissions were brought to the notice of the traders concerned.

FOOD HYGIENE

The following table shows the type of businesses carried on from premises in the district:

Provisions	...	...	...	109
Greengrocery	..	...	...	77
Sweets	...	...	...	90
Butchers	...	...	...	28
Bakers	...	...	...	16
Fishmongers	...	...	...	7
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	6
Cafes	...	...	...	20
Hotels	...	...	...	11
Public Houses	...	...	...	94
Off Licences	..	...	...	20
Chemists	...	...	...	9

Premises registered under Food and Drugs Act:

Ice-cream	...	...	...	188
Preserved foods	...	...	...	22

Informal notices were served during the year upon the occupiers of various food premises where inspection revealed defects, as shown in the following table:

	Shops	Cafes, Restaur- ants	Hotels and Licensed Premises	Total
<u>Provision of:</u>				
Wash hand basins	6	-	9	15
Sinks	1	-	-	1
Constant supplies of hot water	12	-	6	18
Hand washing notices	5	1	1	7
Soap, towels and/or nailbrushes	8	1	-	9
Lockers for clothing	-	-	-	-
First aid materials	3	-	1	4
Lighting Improvement	1	-	1	2
Ventilation Improvement	-	3	1	4
Repair/cleanliness of walls etc.	43	27	21	91
Repair/cleanliness of floors	12	4	5	21
Cleanliness of apparatus	1	1	-	2
Cleanliness of food prepara- tion tables and shelving	12	2	1	15
Protection of food from contamination	9	1	-	10
Provision of proper refuse storage containers	4	-	1	5
Other defects	7	2	4	13
<u>Sanitary accommodation:</u>				
Cleanliness/redecoration	6	6	16	28
Lighting	1	-	-	1
Repair of roofs, walls etc.	3	17	2	22
Additional accommodation provided	-	-	-	-
Other improvements	11	-	1	12

PETROLEUM

341 inspections of premises storing petroleum spirit or mixtures have been made during the year; one new installation was licensed.

Details of the total number of premises licensed and the gallonage stored are as follows:

Number of premises on register	...	...	161
Number of petroleum spirit licences	...	...	152
Number of petroleum mixtures licences	...	...	9
Petroleum spirit gallonage licensed	...	28,570,385	
Petroleum mixtures gallonage stored	...	2,368,292	

FACTORIES

Inspections, Defects Found and Outworkers

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	No. of Inspect- ions (3)	No. of written notices (4)	No. of Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sects. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	16		-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	159		5	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
Totals	175		5	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars (1)	Cases in which defects found				Prose- cutions insti- tuted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	-	-
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Other Offences</u>	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	6	6	-	-	-

3. Outwork:

	No. of Outwork- ers in August list (2)	No. of defaults in send- ing lists (3)	Prose- cutions under Column (3) (4)	Work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing) Making Apparel) etc	32	-	-	-	-	-
Other trades	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	32	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following tables show the number of premises in this District registered under the Act, the number inspected during the year and the numbers employed in the various classes of workplaces:

<u>Class of Premises</u>	Registered premises		
	Registered during the year	No. regist- ered at end of year	No. re- ceiving general inspect- ion during year
Offices	3	102	32
Retail Shops	1	171	89
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	1	8	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ...	4	62	46
Fuel storage depots	-	2	1
Totals	9	345	170

(a) Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors
to registered premises 346

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	1,592
Retail shops	623
Wholesale departments, warehouses	101
Catering establishments open to the public	405
Canteens	47
Fuel storage depots	7
Total	2,775
Total Males	1,474
Total Females	1,301

(b) Number of Exemptions ... 1 (Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9)).

Contraventions

The number of contraventions found under the various Sections of the Act were as follows:

Cleanliness	26	Clothing accommodation ...	2
Temperature	6	Floors, passages	
Ventilation	2	and stairs ...	10
Lighting	2	Fencing of machinery ...	3
Sanitary conveniences ...	17	Training young persons/use	
Washing facilities	3	of dangerous machinery ...	1
First Aid	7	Other contraventions ...	16

It was necessary on a number of occasions to advise the persons responsible that unless these contraventions were remedied without delay the matter would be placed before the Health Committee with a view to proceedings being taken.

Accidents

The number of accidents reported and investigated during the year was as follows:

Workplace	Number reported	Number investigated	Informal advice given	No further action necessary
Offices	4	3	3	1
Retail shops	2	1	1	1
Wholesale shops and warehouses ...	1	-	-	1
Catering establishments and canteens	2	1	1	1
Fuel storage depots ...	-	-	-	-
Totals ...	9	5	5	4

Causes of the above accidents and the type of premises in which they occurred are shown below:

	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops and warehouses	Catering establishments and canteens	Fuel storage depots
Machinery ...	-	-	-	-	-
Transport ...	-	-	-	-	-
Falls of persons	1	1	-	1	-
Stepping on or striking against object ...	3	-	-	1	-
Handling goods ...	-	-	-	-	-
Falling objects ...	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity ...	-	-	-	-	-
All others ...	-	1	1	-	-
Totals ...	4	2	1	2	-

RODENT AND INSECT CONTROL

The staff operating this service consists of the Rodent Officer, Deputy Rodent Officer and two operatives.

General surveys of areas were made and treatments carried out where necessary; domestic premises are treated free of charge, business premises are treated on a rechargeable basis and agricultural premises are generally on contract agreements.

Details of inspections carried out during the year are as follows:

Type of Property	Inspections made.	Treatments carried out.
Local Authority properties	299	142
Dwelling houses	2,675	1,538
Business properties	588	297
Agricultural properties	1,380	575
TOTALS	4,942	2,562

This section is also responsible for the test baiting and control of rodents in sewer systems.

Wasps. The number of complaints received during the year relating to wasps nest was 65; each complaint was dealt with immediately and resulted in the destruction of the wasps and removal of the nests. The standard charge payable in respect of this treatment is £1: 00.

Flies. Four treatments were carried out at premises where the occupiers were unable to cope with them.

Fleas. Fourteen treatments were given at premises which had become infested with fleas.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

The vehicle fleet engaged on this work consists of:

Nine 5-ton tipping vehicles.
Six 7-ton tipping vehicles.

The total number of new dwellings which have been absorbed into the existing service over the past five years is as follows:

1968	-	873
1969	-	600
1970	-	624
1971	-	499
1972	-	357
Total		<u>2,953</u>

Collection is by the paper/plastic sack or bin liner systems.

Labour

The sickness rate for the year showed a slight decrease as compared with the average for the past five years, figures for which are as follows:

1968	-	145.0
1969	-	185.7
1970	-	189.0
1971	-	181.9
1972	-	163.4

Absence for reasons other than sickness totalled 12 weeks; when this is added to the time lost through sickness, it is equivalent to approximately three men being absent from work for the whole of the year. This does not take holidays and vacancies into consideration.

Special Collections

This service has been continued on a "free of charge" basis throughout the year and resulted in 2,000 collections being made - an average in excess of 38 per week, showing an increase of 18% on the previous year. That there is an ever-increasing demand for this service is shown by the number of collections each year since 1965 (the first full year the service was in operation):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>"special collections"</u>			
1965	...	...	...	193
1966	...	...	...	373
1967	...	...	...	779
1968	...	...	...	907
1969	...	...	...	1,054
1970	...	...	...	1,275
1971	...	...	...	1,700
1972	...	...	...	2,000

In addition to these collections a service is given to such events as Parish Fetes, Scouts and Guides Camps, caravan rallies, etc. taking place in the district by providing sack units during the period of their stay. From letters received from the various organisers of such events these arrangements are much appreciated.

Garden Refuse

A pilot scheme for dealing with collection of garden refuse was introduced on 3rd April, 1972 and allowed for the siting of skips at suitable locations, and for their regular emptying and replacement as required.

Parishes included in the scheme were Bursledon, West End, Littleton (Harestock), Kings Worthy and New Alresford.

Litter Patrol

The two litter patrol units, one based at each depot, have continued to operate satisfactorily.

The channels available to ratepayers for disposal of unwanted items are:-

1. Normal refuse collection.
2. Special collections - free of charge - from domestic premises on request.
3. Refuse disposal points open to ratepayers from 7.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.30 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturdays.
4. Provision and emptying of litter bins at road lay bys and through-out each parish as requested by the Parish Council.

Abandoned Cars

The collection of abandoned cars continues with the use of the low-loader where possible, but it is necessary in many cases to call on garage breakdown equipment; an arrangement with a scrap metal merchant has enabled unwanted cars to be collected from premises at no charge to the Council or to the owner; the collection of these vehicles continues at an undiminished rate. Arrangements are made for their disposal through the scrap metal merchants using Morn Hill Depot.

Street Cleansing

The locations being dealt with by the end of the year were as follows:

Hound

Station Road (part)
Victoria Road (part)

Botley

The Square
Winchester Street (part)
Church Lane (part)

Hedge End

Wildern Lane (part)
Lower Northam Road (part)
Upper Northam Road (part)
St. John's Road (part)
St. Helen's Road (part)
Freegrounds Road (part)

New Alresford

Broad Street
East Street
West Street

Refuse Disposal

The Council's new Incinerator at Poles Lane, Otterbourne was commissioned in August and officially opened on 2nd October 1972.

The plant is designed to dispose of refuse from Winchester Rural District, Eastleigh Borough and Winchester City. It has a continuous burning grate, can receive and incinerate nine tons of domestic and trade refuse per hour, and the bunker has a capacity for 216 tons of raw refuse. The plant salvages ferrous metals, and a waste paper baling plant is provided capable of compressing waste paper and card of all grades into bales weighing about five cwt. at the rate of up to two tons per hour when fully manned.

Salvage

Salvage sales for the year 1972/73 totalled £3,768 as compared with £2,578 for the year 1971/72.

