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# URBAN DISTRICT OF WOMBWELL

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1968



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#### WOMBWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Divisional Health Office, 33, Queens Road, BARNSLEY.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

#### for the year ended 31st December, 1968

To the Chairman and Members of the WOMBWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my third Annual Report on the health and social conditions of the Urban District of Wombwell for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

Considering the Division as a whole, it can by truly said that the year 1968 was characterised by quite considerable changes in the field of public health. Perhaps the easiest way for me to indicate the main changes which occurred would be to tabulate them in chronological order, and reserve comment for the appropriate sections of either the District or Divisional reports.

Date	Scheme
1st January, 1968.	Computerisation of vaccination and immunisation procedure.
7th January, 1968.	Opening of Special Care Unit for severely handicapped children at Wombwell.
February, 1968.	Selective medical inspection in Senior Schools.
February, 1968.	Conversion of existing cervical cytology clinic to a "screening" clinic for Women.
March, 1968.	Computerisation of routine hearing tests in all infants.
May, 1968.	Measles vaccination commenced.
September, 1968.	Attachment of Health Visitors and Home Nurses to General Practitioners.
September, 1968.	Opening of Child Welfare Clinic for Staincross and Mapplewell including surgery accommodation for a general practitioner.

With reference to the Wombwell Urban District, the adjusted birth rate as in the previous year remained in excess of the comparable rates for England and Wales. The adjusted death rate was also higher than the National figure and diseases of the heart and circulation, cancer and respiratory diseases were the principal causes of death. The other vital statistics for your area were very satisfactory with a peni-natal mortality rate approximately equal to that of the administrative County. Once again, there were no deaths attributable to maternal causes.

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The incidence of notifiable infectious diseases increased during the year and this was due to an increase in the incidence of Measles, mainly in the last quarter of the year.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their keen interest and the support which has been given to me during the year. I have at all times experienced excellent co-operation from Mr. J. Finney, your Chief Public Health Inspector, from Mr. R. Sewell and your Clerk, and other Officials of the Council. I would, in addition, also like to express my thanks to the Divisional Chief Clerk, Mr. L. S. Wrigg, and the staff of the Divisional Health Office for their hard work and loyal support at all times.

I am,

Your obedient servant, C. G. ODDY.

Medical Officer of Health.

#### URBAN DISTRICT OF WOMEWELL

#### SECTION I

#### Statistics and Social Conditions

Area	3,850 acres
Population Census 1961	18,950
Registrar General's estimate of population	
at mid 1968	19,140
No. of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	6,371
Rateable Value	£438,320
Nett product of a Penny Rate	£1,677

The chief occupations of the population are coal-mining, textile manufacturing, engineering and printing. Coal-mining is by far the largest source of employment.

#### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Population

The Registrar General's estimate of population at mid 1968 was 19,140, compared with 19,170 in 1967. The natural increase of population or the number of births over deaths was 126 compared with 131 in 1967.

Live	Births			Males	Females	TOTAL
	Legitimate	 		173	166	339
	Illegitimate	 		11	5	16
		TOTAL	LS	184	171	355
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The number of births registered during the year was 355, an increase of 12, compared with 1967. There were 16 illegitimate births or 4.5% of the total births registered, compared with 4.1% in the previous year.

The Registrar General has again supplied a comparability factor for births in 1968, which relates the proportion of women of child-bearing age in the district with the proportion in a standard population. The crude birth rate multiplied by the comparability factor gives an adjusted rate which is comparable with similar adjusted rates for other districts and with the rate for the country as a whole

The adjusted birth rate for the district was 18.9 per 1,000 estimated population as compared with 18.3 per 1,000 estimated population for the previous year and with 16.9 per 1,000 estimated population for England and Wales.

#### BIRTH RATE

		-			Rate per 1,000 population			
YEAR		BIRTHS		WOM	IBWELL	England		
	Males	Females	TOTAL	Crude	Adjusted	and Wales		
1959	146	157	303	15.9	15.9	16.5		
1960	159	151	310	16.2	16.2	17.1		
1961	149	137	286	15.2	15.2	17.4		
1962	172	154	326	17.2	17.2	18.0		
1963	203	189	392	20.9	20.5	18.2		
1964	177	161	338	18.1	17.8	18.4		
1965	168	177	345	18.4	18.0	18.0		
1966	156	150	306	15.9	16.3	17.7		
1967	184	159	343	17.9	18.3	17.2		
1968	184	171	355	18.5	18.9	16.9		

#### Stillbirths

The 3 stillbirths were institutional births and one was of the male sex. I give below the causes of stillbirths in Wombwell during 1968.

		Birth Weight	Sex
1.	Anencephaly (Hospital)	4 lbs. 4 oz.	F
2.	Accidental Haemorrhage (Hospital)	7 lbs. 0 oz.	F
3.	Macerated Stillborn Placental Insufficiency (Hospital)	1 lb. 1 oz.	М

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#### STILLBIRTHS

Year	Stillbirths	Total Births Live and Still	Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Births
1959	10	313	31.9
1960	10	320	31.3
1961	5	291	17.2
1962	2	328	6.1
1963	11	403	27.3
1964	7	345	20.3
1965	6	351	17.1
1966	6	312	19.2
1967	9	352	25.6
1968	3	358	8.4

#### DEATH RATES

				Rate	per 1,000	Population
	No of			WO	MBWELL	England
Year	No. of Deaths	Males	Females	Crude	Adjusted	and Wales
1959	169	100	69	8.9	11.3	11.6
1960	172	94	78	9.0	11.5	11.5
1961	205	112	93	10.9	13.8	12.0
1962	183	98	85	9.7	12.4	11.9
1963	216	115	101	11.3	14.2	12.2
1964	186	92	94	9.8	12.3	11.3
1965	177	97	80	9.2	11.6	11.5
1966	197	108	89	10.3	12.9	11.7
1967	212	124	88	11.1	13.7	11.2
1968	229	126	103	12.0	15.1	11.9

#### Deaths

The total number of deaths last year, including deaths of residents dying outside the district but excluding non-residents who died in the district was 229, comprised of 126 males and 103 females. The adjusted death rate, which is the crude death rate multiplied by the comparability factor was 15.1 per 1,000 estimated population, as compared with 11.9 per 1,000 estimated population for England and Wales. A table at the end of this section of the report shows the causes of death in the various age groups.

The principal causes of death in order of numerical importance were: heart and circulatory with cancer and respiratory diseases equal.

#### Infant Mortality and Peri-natal Mortality

The infant mortality rate for the year was 22.5 per 1,000 live births as compared with 11.7 per 1,000 in 1967 and with 18.3 per 1,000 live births for England and Wales. Of the 8 infant deaths, 6 occurred within the first week of life and were classified as early neo-natal deaths. The illegitimate infant death rate was nil. The peri-natal mortality rate was 25.1 per 1,000 live and stillbirths, compared with the County rate of 25.0. The following table is a record for your district for the past ten years in respect of peri-natal mortality.

#### PERI-NATAL MORTALITY

Year	Deaths in first week of life	Stillbirths	Total Live and Stillbirths	Peri-natal Mortality
1959	6	10	313	51.1
1960	3	10	320	40.6
1961	3	5	291	27.5
1962	4	2	328	18.3
1963	7	11	403	44.6
1964	4	7	345	31.9
1965	5	6	351	31.3
1966	8	6	312	44+9
1967	3	9	352	34.1
1968	6	3	358	25.1

#### INFANT MORTALITY

Sex	Age at death	Birth Weight	Cause of Death	Place of Death
М	4 months	6 lbs. 2 ozs.	Gastro-enteritis Chronic Bronchitis and Emphysema	Home
M	5 minutes	3 lbs. 6 ozs.	Prematurity	Home
М	12 hours	Not weighed	Extreme prematurity	St. Helen Hospital, BARNSLEY.
М	5 days	6 lbs. 14 ozs.	E. Coli Meningitis and Septicaemia Broncho- pneumonia	St. Helen Hospital, BARNSLEY.
F	1 month	8 lbs. 14 ozs.	Cardiac Failure Broncho- pneumonia	Kendray Hospital, BARNSLEY.
М	1 day	4 lbs. 7 ozs.	Cerebral haemorrhage Tentorial tear	St. Helen Hospital, BARNSLEY.
M	8 hours	2 lbs. 11 ozs.	Atatectasis Extreme prematurity	St. Helen Hospital, BARNSLEY.
M	12 hours	3 lbs. 3 ozs.	Cardio- respiratory failure, Prematurity	Jessop Hospital, SHEFFIELD.

Five deaths that occurred were in premature infants; prematurity was an important factor in these early neo-natal deaths. The table of infant mortality shows details of the individual deaths.

#### Maternal Mortality

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#### CAUSES OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

Cause of Death	Under	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	15-	55-	65-	75+	T(	)TAL Female
vause of Death	l yr.	1-	-	1,5-		2)-	4,5-	2)-	0,5-	IJT	Male	Female
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal disease	1										1	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach								1		1	-	2
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus								2	7	1	9	1
Malignant neoplasm - breast							1				-	1
Malignant neoplasm - uterus							1		1		-	2
Leukaemia								1	2		2	1
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.					1	1	1	5	6	5	12	7
Benign and unspecified neoplasms						1					-	1
Diabetes mellitus										1	1	-
Other endocrine etc. diseases										1	-	1
Other diseases of blood etc.						1					1	-
Mental disorders										1	-	1
Meningitis	1										1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease						1				1	1	1
Hypertensive disease					1			2		2	-	5
Ischaemic heart disease						1	6	13	17	24	37	24
Other forms of heart disease							1		2	3	2	4
Cerebrovascular disease							1	4	10	20	13	22
Other diseases of circulatory system								1	3	4	5	3
Pneumonia	1						1		2	10	5	9
Bronchitis and Emphysema							1	6	8	7	17	5
Other diseases of respiratory system								1			1	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia									1	1	1	1

#### CAUSES OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS (Contd.)

Cause of Death	Under 1 yr.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+	T( Male	TAL Female
Cirrhosis of liver					1		1				1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis								1		2	2	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1 14						17			1	1	-
Other diseases of genito-urinary system										2	2	-
Diseases of musculo- skeletal system										1	1	-
Congenital anomalies		1										1
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	3									y-/	3	-
Other causes of peri- natal mortality	2										2	-
Motor vehicle accidents									1	1	1	1
All other accidents				1	1		1			5	2	6
Suicide and self- inflicted injuries							1			1	2	-
All other external causes				1			1				-	2
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	8	1	-	2	4	5	17	37	60	95	126	103

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#### PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1968

	WOMEWELL Urban District	West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (provisional figures)
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population:		a n parter		ne of the
Crude Adjusted	18.5 18.9	17.5 17.9	17.6 17.8	16.9
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population:				
Crude	12.0 15.1	12.3	11.6	11.9
Tuberculosis:  Respiratory Other All forms		0.03 0.02 0.05	0.03 0.01 0.05	0.03 0.01 0.04
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	0.52	0.49	0.48	0.59
Cancer of uterus	0.10	0.10 2.25	0.09	not available
Cerebro-vascular disease	1.83	1.89	1.76	not available
Circulatory disease excluding cerebro- vascular disease	4.28	4.64	4.34	not available
Respiratory disease	1.93	1.74	1.66	not available
Maternal Mortality	-	0.09	0.09	0.24
Infant Mortality	22.5	19.7	18.5	18.3
Stillbirths	8.4	14.4	14.3	14.3
Peri-natal Mortality rate	25.1	25.8	25.0	24.7

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#### SECTION II

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES

#### IN THE AREA

#### Staff

The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time Officer of the Council but is engaged on whole-time Public Health work, being also Medical Officer of Health for the surrounding districts and the Divisional Medical Officer for Division No. 25 of the West Riding County Council. Three Public Health Inspectors are employed.

#### General Hospitals

The general hospitals serving your district and administered through the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board are given below:-

- 1. The United Group Hospitals, Sheffield.
- 2. The Beckett Hospital, Barnsley.
- 3. The St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley.
- 4. Mount Vernon Hospital, Barnsley. (Geriatrics).
- 5. The Moorgate General Hospital, Rotherham.

#### Infectious Diseases Hospitals

All infectious diseases requiring hospital admission were admitted to Kendray Hospital, Barnsley. The ambulance arrangements were the same as for the previous year with the hospital retaining its own ambulance for this service.

#### Maternity Hospitals

Maternity cases were usually admitted to the following hospitals:

- 1. The St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley.
- 2. Montagu Hospital, Mexborough.
- 3. Hallamshire Maternity Home, Chapeltown.
- 4. Pindar Oaks Maternity Home, Barnsley.

The services of the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, were also available for abnormal obstetric cases.

#### Tuberculosis

Most patients suffering from the disease are admitted to the Wath Wood Sanatorium and co-operation is maintained with the Chest Physician who holds out-patients' sessions at the Chest Clinic, 46, Church Street, Barnsley.

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Details of sessions are as follows:

Tuesday - 10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon (children)

Wednesday - 10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon

Wednesday - 2.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

Thursday - 10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon (children)

Friday - 10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon

#### Venereal Diseases

The nearest centre for Wombwell patients for the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases is in Barnsley.

Address: Special Treatment Centre,
Queens Road,
BARNSLEY.

Other centres are situate at Sheffield, Doncaster and Rotherham, and a patient suffering from Venereal Disease is at liberty to attend at the centre of his choice. Treatment is completely confidential.

#### Clinic Facilities

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the West Riding County Council Clinic, Summer Lane, Wombwell, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m. and at Jump Clinic, Miners' Welfare Hall, on Mondays, 2 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.

#### Laboratory Service

The Laboratory service was provided by the Public Health
Laboratory at Wakefield. The laboratory is equipped to deal with
all bacteriological and pathological examinations, and a complete
investigation is undertaken and report furnished for every specimen
sent for examination.

Samples of milk taken under the Food and Drugs Act for chemical analysis were examined by the Public Analyst at the expense of the County Council.

#### Ambulance Service

The ambulance service is provided by the West Riding County Council, the depot for your area being at Hoyland, Telephone No. Hoyland 3168 and 2112.

#### Swimming Baths

I am indebted to Mr. D. L. Milner, your Baths Manager, for the following report:

"The major repairs and improvements carried out in 1966 continued to give satisfaction and once again patrons of the Public Baths were able to enjoy a full years uninterrupted swimming. The popularity of swimming in the township continued to increase, which resulted in many swimming and life saving awards being gained by young people using the Baths and in an increase in the number of Evening Classes organised for adults.

The automatic refreshment service was expanded by the installation of two snack merchandising machines, which together with the hot drinks vending machine already installed, give patrons a wide choice of refreshments throughout the many hours during which the Public Baths are open.

Attendances during 1968 were as follows:-

Slipper Baths			 1,991
Swimming			 74,657
Schools and Ever	ning Cl	lasses	 53,219
Spectators			 8,417
	g	COTAL	138,284

#### SECTION III

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 104 cases of notifiable infectious diseases, compared with 82 in the previous year.

## Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) During the year 1968

					Total cases notified
Dysentery		 			1
Measles		 			92
Scarlet Fe	ver	 			10
Food Poison	ning	 			1
			T	TAL	104

The increase in incidence of notifiable infectious disease was due to the fact that notification of Measles cases amounted to 92 cases, compared with 34 cases in 1967. The cases mainly occurred in the last quarter of the year, even though the immunisation programme against Measles using live vaccine commenced in May, 1968.

#### Scarlet Fever

10 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified and no cases of Erysipelas, compared with 25 and Nil respectively in 1967. This disease was mild and no case required hospitalisation.

#### Measles

92 cases of Measles occurred during the year mostly in the last quarter. This compares with 34 in 1967.

#### Smallpox

No case of Smallpox occurred during the year.

#### Infectious Jaundice

During 1968 this disease became statutorily notifiable. No notifications of the disease were received during 1968.

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Dysentery	1	1	1	27	5	0	1	1	1	1
Measles	465	43	359	241	154	128	243	264	34	92
Mhooping Cough	CI	100	4	16	31	5	1	1	20	1
Acute Polioencephalitis	,	,	,	1		1	•		1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic	1	1	,	1	,	1	,	1	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	1	1	1
Smallpox	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1-	1	1
Other Tuberculous Disease	-	2		1	,	1	1	1	1	2
Pulmonary Tuberoulosis	5	9	1	7	10	7	5	6	1	2
murotanosM simisatiqu	1	,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	,
Pneumonia	16	11	38	28	15	17	7	2	7	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Erysipelas	Н	П	4	2	4	0	2	g.I	1	1
Food Podsoning	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	7
Enteric Fever	н	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diphtheria	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	34	7	4	19	77	34	29	11	25	10
YEAR	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1961	1968

# Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

No case of Diphtheria, Whooping Cough nor Tetanus was brought to the notice of the department during the year.

I would like once again to take this opportunity to stress the importance of immunisation in early infancy against these diseases and Poliomyelitis. It is just not good enough to wait until the child starts school before commencing an immunisation programme. Reference to the computer scheme for vaccination and immunisation which commenced in January, 1968, is made in the appropriate section of the Divisional report

## Poliomyelitis

No case of the disease was notified during the year.

# Tuberculosis

Two new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 2 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, compared with 1 in the previous year. No death from the disease was recorded during the year.

Good protection against Tuberculosis can be obtained by the use of B.C.G. Vaccine in children. The parents of every child entering the Wombwell High School are offered this protection for their child and I would strongly advise parents to take advantage of the scheme. The response from parents in 1968 was excellent.

TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Mortality in 1968

		NE	W CASES			DEATHS				
Age Periods	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonar			
	М	F	M	F	M	F	М	F		
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
15 - 24 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
25 - 44 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
45 - 64 years	. 1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Over 65 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTALS	1	1	1	1		1	Nil			

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Age Periods	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonar	
	M	F	М	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	5 _	-	-	-
5 - 14 years		-	-		-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	1	-			-	-
25 - 44 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Over 65 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	1	1	1		1	Nil	

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TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Mortality for the past ten years

W	NE	W CASES	D	EATHS
Year	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1959	5	DATE OF THE REAL PROPERTY.	2	-
1960	6	2	1	-
1961	1	-	-	
1962	5	2	-	nation Talley be
1963	10	-	2	Church Stee
1964	7	-	-	-
1965	5	mhara of the	3	-
1966	7	2	-	-
1967	1	-	1	-
1968	2	2	-	as at the thier

# TUBERCULOSIS - Record of cases during 1968

	Pulm	onary	Non-Pul	lmonary
And the second second second	M	F	M	F
No of cases on Register at 1st January 1968	69	34	4	4
No of cases notified for the first time during the year	1	1	1	1
No.of cases restored to Register	-	-	7	-
No.of cases added to Register otherwise than by notification	-	Ng.	-	-
No.removed to other districts	6	-	-	-
No.cured or otherwise removed from Register	1	5	1	-
No. died from Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
No. died from other causes	5	-	-	-
Totals at end of 1968	58	30	4	5

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

& CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

FOR THE YEAR 1968.

Public Health Department, Church Street, WOMBWELL.

To the Chairman and Members of the WOMBWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Owing to the absence from work due to illness of the Chief Public Health Inspector, it has fallen to me to present the Annual Report on the environmental health of Wombwell for the year of 1968.

On behalf of the Chief Public Health Inspector, I would offer most sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their patience, support and understanding, to Dr. C. G. Oddy, the Medical Officer of Health, the Heads of other Departments, the Additional Public Health Inspector and the clerical members of the staff who continued throughout the year to discharge their duties in a most efficient manner.

Some difficulty was encountered during the year due to turnover in staff and the department was below establishment strength for approximately six months. Mr. W. Dyke, Additional Public Health Inspector terminated his employment in March to take up a post with a neighbouring authority. Mr. K. Barker who was appointed in July terminated his employment in September.

Mr. B. Rawdon was appointed to the post in November.

Whilst most aspects of the Department's activities are covered in such a report as this, there are inevitably many matters arising during the year to which it is not possible to make individual reference. Such items are time consuming and are undoubtedly important to someone and may extend over a wide range of subjects including subsidence damage, questions involving the Public Health and Housing Acts, slum clearance, rent and tenancy difficulties, trouble with neighbours etc. It is felt that the help and advice given is greatly appreciated by those seeking it.

Legislation introduced during the year and affecting the Department included the Caravan Sites Act, 1968, The Imported Food Regulations, 1968 and various orders in respect of Clean Air, Offices, Shops & Railway Premises and Rag Flock and other Filling Materials.

Whilst every attempt is made to maintain progress in all aspects of the Department's activities, it is inevitable that more attention is given to the more important subjects and once again the emphasis has been on Housing, Food, Atmospheric Pollution and Public Cleansing.

Your obedient servant,

R. SEWELL.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector.

## Housing

During the year 9 new dwellings were erected in your area by private enterprise and were situate at Jump, Wombwell and Broomhill.

The total number of inhabited houses within your district is 6,371. The estimated population for mid 1968 was 19,140. Approximately 100 houses were vacant awaiting demolition at the end of the year but despite this the average number of persons per house was 3.004. Attention has been drawn in previous reports to the significance of this figure and it is again suggested that the housing situation in the Area should be given very serious thought and a decision made as to whether any additional dwellings are required.

During the year 21 re-lets on existing housing estates were utilised as follows:-

Slum Clearance ... ... 19
Overcrowding ... ... 2

4 cases of overcrowding were alleviated, 2 in the process of Slum Clearance.

# Slum Clearance

Limited progress was made during the year under this heading, 19 families from unfit houses being rehoused.

The inhabitants of the following addresses were rehoused during the year:-

#### Wombwell

Nos.					8, son Street	,		 6
Nos.	16,	18	and	22,	George Street			 3
Hemi	ngfie	eld						
Nos.		17	and	25,	Lundhill Row			 4
Nos.	11,	19	and	21,	The Green			 3
Jump								
Nos.	52,	54	and	58,	Kitroyd, Jump		• • • •	 3
								19

During the Slum Clearance Programme it has been the policy prior to rehousing to disinfest all houses and furniture where it is known that infestation exists or where there is a history of infestation. This was continued throughout the year and was again carried out by departmental employees.

When the Programme was submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government in September, 1955 it was proposed that 299 houses should be dealt with in the first five years and 50 per year subsequently. At the end of 1968 700 houses should have been dealt with, whereas in fact, the number closed and occupants rehoused was 688 and it is pleasing to report that the Programme remains close to schedule.

During the year work was commenced on the building of 174 dwellings on the Aldham House Estate but none were completed before the end of the year.

During the year 4 houses were represented as being unfit for human habitation at Wombwell. These were included as Individual Unfit Houses.

The houses were numbered 11 to 17, Hawson Street, Wombwell.

# Demolition

During the year the demolition of 17 houses was secured, as follows:-

1.	In Clearance Areas	NIL
2.	Not in Clearance Areas	
	26, Park Street, Wombwell	 1
	15 to 23, The Green, Hemingfield	 5
	50 to 58, Kitroyd, Jump	 5
3.	Local Authority Houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	
	16 to 26, George Street, Wombwell	 6
		17

This is perhaps a disappointing report but when seen within the general framework of housing activities in the Urban District it will be realised that, at the end of the year, many other houses were vacant, awaiting demolition. When dealing with long rows of property, for example, it is not possible to commence demolition operations until all occupants of all the houses have been removed.

# Improvement Grants

During the year 61 grants were made. 5 Discretionary Grants and 16 Standard Grants. In response to a Circular from the Ministry the Council were reluctantly compelled to suspend the making of grants in November, 1967 until further notice.

The suspension was lifted in April, 1968 and the figures given therefore represent a nine month period.

The details are given below:-

# DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Address		Amount	of (	Grant
		£.	8.	d.
29, Victoria Road,	Wombwell.	275	0.	0.
11, Coronation Terrace,	Wombwell.	270.	0.	0.
68, Stonyford Road,	Wombwell.	170.	0.	0.
30, Bartholomew Street,	Wombwell.	250.	0.	0.
32, Bartholomew Street,	Wombwell.	240.	0.	0.
34, Bartholomew Street,	Wombwell.	250.	0.	0.
24, Cemetery Road,	Wombwell.	159.	0.	0.
87, Hough Lane,	Wombwell.	178.	0.	0.
172, Hough Lane,	Wombwell.	210.	0.	0.
81, Blythe Street,	Wombwell.	195.	0.	0.
172A, Hough Lane,	Wombwell.	165.	0.	0.
73, Summer Lane,	Wombwell.	242.	0.	0.
265, Hough Lane,	Wombwell.	160.	0.	0.
155, Barnsley Road,	Wombwell.	230.	0.	0.
213, Hough Lane,	Wombwell.	240.	0.	0.
13, Frederick Street,	Wombwell.	170.	0.	0.
3, Princess Street,	Wombwell.	350.	0.	0.
9, Frederick Street,	Wombwell.	175.		0.
14, Western Terrace,	Wombwell.	270.	0.	0.
184, Hough Lane,	Wombwell.	149.	0.	0.
15, Main Street,	Wombwell.	275.	0.	0.
24, Church Street,	Jump.	210.	0.	0.
28, Garden Grove,	Hemingfield.	310.	0.	0.
5, Myrtle Road,	Wombwell.	210.	0.	0.
9, School Street,	Wombwell.	190.	0.	0.
61A, Station Road,	Wombwell.	140.	0.	0.
137, Barnsley Road,	Wombwell.	315.	0.	0.
159, Hough Lane,	Wombwell.	195.	0.	0.
161, Hough Lane,	Wombwell.	195.	0.	0.
3, Stonyford Road,	Wombwell.	124.	0.	0.
5, Coronation Terrace,	Hemingfield.	315.	0.	0.
11, William Street,	Wombwell.	205.	0.	0.
64, Stonyford Road,	Wombwell.	220.	0.	0.
66, Stonyford Road,	Wombwell.	245.	0.	0.
52, Summer Lane,	Wombwell.	195.	0.	0.
140, Station Road,	Wombwell.	220.	0.	0.
142, Station Road,	Wombwell.	220.	0.	0.
144, Station Road,	Wombwell.	220.	0.	0.
154, Station Road,	Wombwell.	220.	0.	0.
7, Robert Street,	Wombwell.	315.	0.	0.
85, Barnsley Road,	Wombwell.	200.	0.	0.
247, Cemetery Road,	Jump.	170.	0.	0.
5, Robert Street,	Wombwell.	310.	0.	0.
33, Stonyford Road,	Wombwell.	205.	0.	0.
186, Barnsley Road,	Wombwell.	215.	0.	0.
	TOTAL	£9987.	0.	0.

#### STANDARD GRANTS

Address		Amou	nt of	Grant
		£.	s.	d.
215, Summer Lane, 80, Tingle Bridge Lane, 31, West Avenue, 10, South Place, 63, Station Road, 4, South Place, 52, East Avenue, 11, Cemetery Road, 28, Park Street, 10, Tingle Bridge Lane,	Wombwell. Hemingfield. Wombwell. Wombwell. Wombwell. Wombwell. Wombwell. Hemingfield.	24. 31. 31. 40. 40. 27. 36. 38.	0. 0. 10. 0. 7.	0. 0. 9. 0. 0.
34, Broomhead Road, 11, West Avenue, 74, Kingsway, 1, Wath Road, 25, Summer Lane, 45, Cemetery Road,	Wombwell. Wombwell. Wombwell. Wombwell. Wombwell.	40. 40. 40. 24. 40. 33.	c. o.	0.
	TOTAL	£554.	14.	0.

# Housing Repairs

The securing of repairs and renewals involves inspections, re-inspections, service of notices, informal and formal and is a vital part of the Department's activities. It is mostly unspectacular work, is frequently frustrating and cannot possibly be given the time it merits. In order that this work might be carried out on a systematic basis as required by the Housing Act a great deal more time would be required but I am sure it would be worthwhile. It is essential that the work of securing repairs and renewals be synchronised with the programme for Slum Clearance and Improvements.

During the year 91 Informal Notices were served and of these 81% were complied with. In addition 10 Notices brought forward from 1967 were dealt with. 17 Notices were carried forward to be dealt with in 1969.

#### Damage by Subsidence

During the year many areas in the town were affected, including the new housing estate at Aldham House Lane.

Close liaison is maintained at all times with the Land and Minerals Officers of the National Coal Board and by a close collaboration it is possible to remain well informed and to secure very prompt action when the necessity arises.

# HOUSING STATISTICS

1.	Number	of dwelling houses in the District	(	5,371
2.	Number	of houses included in the above:		
		ack-to-back ingle back		Nil 3
3.	San and	in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhe	mo.	- 1
2.			re:	
		of houses included in Representations made g the year:		
	(a) I	n Clearance Areas	• • • •	Nil
	(b) I	ndividual Unfit Houses		4
A.1.	. House	es Demolished		
	In C	learance Areas:		
	(1)	Houses unfit for human habitation:		
		Houses demolished Persons displaced during the year Families Displaced during the year		Nil 4 2
	(2)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangemen		Nil
		Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2)		1411
	())	Housing Act, 1957		Nil
	NOT	IN CLEARANCE AREAS		
	(4)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act, 195		
		Houses demolished		11
		Persons displaced during the year Families displaced during the year	• • • •	43
	(5)	Local Authority owned houses certified unfi	+	10
	(5)	the Medical Officer of Health		6
	(6)	Houses unfit for human habitation where act has been taken under local Acts	ion	Nil
	(7)	Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders		Nil
A.2.	. Numbe	er of dwellings included above which were		
		iously reported as closed		Nil
В.	Unfi	t houses closed		
	(8)		ing	
		Act, 1957 Persons displaced during the year		Nil Nil
		Families displaced during the year		Nil
	(9)	Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1	957	1
		Persons displaced during the year Families displaced during the year	• • • •	1
	(10)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18,	•••	-
	(10)	Housing Act, 1957		Nil
C.		houses made fit and houses in which defects emedied:		
	(11)	After Informal action by Local Authority:		
		By Owner		109
	(12)	After Formal notice under		
		(a) Public Health Acts:		
		By Owner		26
		By Local Authority		Nil

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	(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957:	
	By Owner By Local Authority	Nil
		Nil
	(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957:	Nil
D.	By Owner Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957)	MIT
ν.	14) Retained for temporary accommodation:	
	(-) T-1 C1110	Nil
	(b) Under Section 17(2)	Nil
	(c) Under Section 46	Nil
	(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under	
	Sections 34 and 53	Nil
E.	Purchase of Houses by Agreement	
	(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or	
	Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year	Nil
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4.	Number of families rehoused during the year into Council owned dwellings:	
	(a) Clearance Areas	19
	(b) Overcrowding	2
5.	Rent Act, 1957:	
	(a) Number of certificates of disrepair granted	Nil
	(b) Number of undertakings to execute repairs by owners to the Local Authority	Nil
	(c) Number of certificates of disrepair cancelled	Nil
6.	Overcrowding	
	2 cases of overcrowding were alleviated during the year.	
7		
7.	New Dwellings	
	Number of dwellings completed during the year:	
	(a) By the Local Authority	Nil
	(b) By Private Enterprise	9
8.	Grants for conversions or Improvement of Housing Accommodation:	
	(a) Conversions (the number of dwellings is the number resulting from completion of the work)	Nil
	(b) Improvements - Number of dwellings completed	
	during the year	61
	Formal applications received during the year	64
	Applications approved during the year	71
9	Details of Advances for the purpose of acquiring or	
	constructing houses - Advances approved in 42 cases. Further advances approved in 17 cases.	

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## Milk Supply

Regular supervision of milk distribution was once again a feature of the Department's activities and contact is maintained with the suppliers in order that improvements may be effected as necessary. To this end samples were procured for the routine Methylene Blue Reduction and Phosphatase Tests and all milk sold in a raw state was, in addition, tested at least quarterly for the presence of the Tubercle Bacillus and Brucella Abortus.

There are altogether 59 retail milk sellers registered whose premises are inspected at regular intervals.

269 samples of milk were taken and despatched to the Public Health Laboratory Service at Wakefield. The staff of the laboratory are always extremely helpful and a high value is placed on their services.

The results of the tests carried out are given below:

# SAMPLES OF MILK TAKEN FOR EXAMINATION DURING 1968

	Type of Test and Results							
Type of Milk	Methyle	ne Blue	Phosp	hatase	Presence of Tuberculosi			
	Satis.	Unsatis	Satis.	Unsatis.	Neg.	Pos.		
Untreated (formerly Tuberculin Tested)	44	4	-	inilization in	14	-		
Pasteurised	19	-	19	-	-	-		

Very close attention was again paid to the presence of Brucella Abortus and 124 samples were submitted to the Laboratory for examination for this purpose. There were 13 positive reactions to the Ring Test, 3 to the Cream Culture Test and 1 positive to the Spleen Culture Test and none to the Serum Agglutination Test.

During the year the Brucellosis Eradication Scheme was commenced but it is as yet early for it to have had any noticeable effect.

#### Meat Supply

The main part of the town's meat supply is brought from a public abattoir in a neighbouring town. Good modern conditions are provided for slaughter and hanging of meat. In addition, it is possible to exercise a good degree of control and to ensure that 100% meat inspection is carried out.

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# Food Preparing Premises, Shops and Markets

It is true to say that whilst there are many members of the public who take an active interest in the way foodstuffs are presented for sale and handled in markets, shops, cafes etc., there are still many who take so much for granted and are quite prepared to accept any sort of behaviour in food premises. If this latter group would insist on the utmost care on the part of food handlers they would be of immense assistance, not only to themselves, but to the community in general. Your Public Health Staff can achieve so much in securing compliance with legislation but they are physically incapable of devoting sufficient time to this part of the Department's activities to ensure that all Staff comply with all requirements at all times. Members of the Public, especially housewives, have the means in their hands to play an important part in a matter so vital in securing and maintaining good health. The number of inspections of the various types of food premises made during the year were as follows:-

			Number of Premises	Number of Visits
(a)	Butchers Shops		14	98
(p)	Grocers and General Des	alers	66	113
(c)	Fried Fish Shops		14	13
(d)	Wet Fish Shops		3	16
(e)	Greengrocers		4	4
(f)	Bakehouses		11	103
(g)	Meat Products		6	56
(h)	Markets		2	263
(i)	Canteens		9	26
(j)	Confectionery Shops		8	56
(k)	Catering Establishment	s	32	49

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Food Hygiene (General Regulations) 1960, Regulations 16 & 18

Type of Premises	Total No. of Premises	Premises complying with Reg. 16.	Premises to which Reg. 18. applies	Premises complying with Reg. 18.
Butchers	14	14	14	14
Grocers & General	66	66	66	66
Fried Fish Shops	14	14	14	14
Wet Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	4	4	4	4
Bakehouses	11	11	11	11
Meat Products	6	6	6	6
Canteens and Cafes	9	8	9	9
Confectionery Shops	8	8	8	8
Catering Establishmen	t 32	32	32	32

## Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16

The number of premises registered under this section is as follows:

Manufacture of Meat Products (Sausage, etc.) ... 22
Manufacture and sale of Ice-cream ... 81
Sale of Fried Fish and Chips ... ... 14

## Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles

The shops provided by the Council in the old market for the use of certain food trades have greatly raised the standards of food hygiene on the Market. Although all purveyors of 'vulnerable' foods such as cooked meats are now housed in these shops the erection of further shops for the remaining food vendors would be a considerable advancement in market food hygiene.

#### Hawkers of Food

There are 56 persons registered under section 76 of the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951 as hawkers of food within the Urban District.

All vehicles are inspected at regular intervals and notices served where necessary.

## Ice Cream - Manufacture and Sale

There are within your district 2 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

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In addition there are 79 shops registered for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream only, which is stored in refrigerators. The wisdom of encouraging the sale of wrapped ice-cream from shops is undeniable and obviously ensures that this popular commodity is retailed in safe, clean conditions.

36 samples of ice-cream were obtained during the year and the results of the examination of these samples are shown below:

		Number of	Pro	visio	nal (	Grades
		Samples Taken	1	2	3	4
Manufacturer No.	1	6	6	-	_	-
Manufacturer No.	2	6	6	-	-	-
Manufacturer No.	3	6	6	-	-	-
Manufacturer No.	4	7	6	-	1	-
Manufacturer No.	5	.5	5	_	-	
Manufacturer No.	6	5	5	1	-	-
Manufacturer No.	7	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL		36	35	-	1	-

Where the sample was placed in Grade 3 an investigation was carried out. It was discovered that the container was at fault. An improvement was effected and subsequent samples proved to be satisfactory.

#### Unsound Food

Quantities of foodstuffs which were inspected and found to be unfit were disposed of according to circumstances. A detailed list of food so condemned is shown below:

			lbs.	ozs.
Chicken		 	 1	3
Hams		 	 830	13_
Stewed Stea	k	 	 38	63
Corned Beef		 	 66	0
Sausage		 	 4	0
Tongue		 	 7	6
Luncheon Me	at	 	 13	0
Pork		 	 34	3
Irish Stew		 	 24	5
Other Meats		 	 21	4호
Fruit		 	 518	62
Jam		 	 1	142
Tomatoes		 	 128	1
Fish		 	 34	02
Mixed Goods		 	 184	0
Vegetables		 	 245	12
Butter		 	 1	2
Frozen Food		 	 1564	0
Biscuits		 	 97	8
Tinned Milk		 	 113 pts	. equiv.
Cream		 	 100	. equiv.

All unsound food is disposed of by treating with lime and burying beneath the town's refuse.

## Water Supply

The Sheffield Corporation Waterworks Department is the Water undertaking for this area. The water supplied is of a good bacteriological standard and samples are taken regularly from different parts of the area. The source of the water is the Yorkshire Derwent (natural fluoride content 0.15 p.p.m.).

During the year 54 samples were taken and all were satisfactory.

Insufficiency and other supply difficulties arise from time to time from a variety of causes. Where the inadequacy of the supply is attributable to lime, etc., deposits in the services, the owner is required to fit new ferrules to the main scrape and pressure clean the services, or where necessary to lay a larger diameter service. Subsidence causes a considerable interruption in supplies. Such breaks will also cause sediment and discolouration of water as will turbulence in the mains caused when certain sections are cut off in order to carry out repairs.

Improvements to the water supply were secured in 8 cases. In addition wherever Improvement Grant works are carried out an individual water service is required. Improvements in the water supply to a further 61 houses were effected in this way.

Of 6,371 occupied houses in the township 6,368 are on the public supply. 19,128 people occupy these 6368 houses. The remaining 3 houses have water laid on from private supplies. In all cases, water is laid on direct to the houses.

## Public Baths

The Public Baths were again kept open during the winter and 58 samples of the water were obtained from both pools before the end of the year. All samples were satisfactory. Coliforms were absent in all cases, the pH value remained fairly constant but the Chlorine content fluctuated.

# Atmospheric Pollution

During the year 33 observations were made and smoke of such colour and density as to constitute a nuisance was observed on 3 occasions. Necessary cautions were issued.

In an effort to minimise pollution from industrial furnaces, Spoil Banks, Scrap Yards and other non-domestic sources, regular contact is maintained with the managements.

## Scrap Yards

Close observation of all scrap yards in the district was maintained throughout the year and 29 visits were made to these premises.

## Spoil Banks

A constant watch is kept on all colliery spoil banks in the area and on one in an adjoining area which has frequently caused complaints to be received in the past from residents in Beech House Road, Hemingfield.

## Non-Industrial Pollution

The pollution of the air from domestic sources is by far the most serious problem in this area. There are 6,371 occupied houses and the method of heating the majority of these is to burn valuable bituminous coal in the most wasteful and dangerous manner possible. The poisonous products of such inefficient combustion in obsolete open grates are discharged at a height uncomfortably close to breathing level.

It is not difficult to see how this pollution builds up if one takes notice of the amount of visible matter erupting from domestic chimneys, especially around dusk on a cold day when everyone is stoking up or in a morning when fires are being kindled. It has been stressed many times in the past what damage is caused to health, vegetation, buildings, furnishings, clothing etc. It is a wonder that any life at all survives in such heavy pollution.

#### Clean Air Act, 1956

## Smoke Control

The Wombwell Smoke Control Order No. 1. came into operation on the 1st October, 1968.

The area concerned is approximately 106.14 acres in extent and includes 326 Council owned houses, flats and bungalows, a large factory a Welfare Club, a Garage, an Electicity Sub-Station, 55 privately owned houses and bungalows and land upon which further building will take place in the near future.

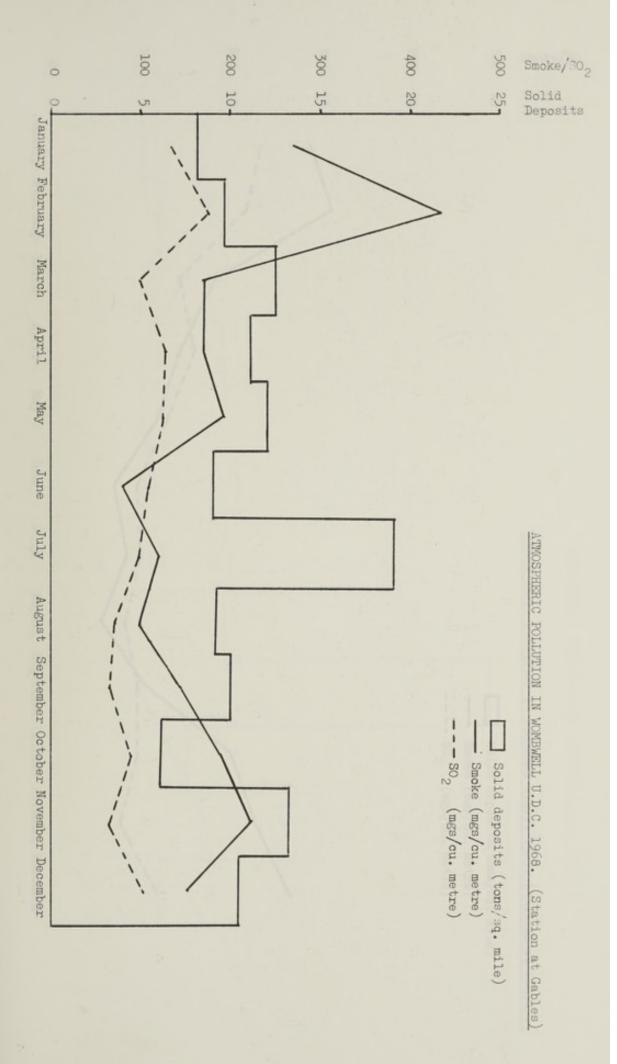
The Wombwell Smoke Control Order No. 2. covering approximately 200 acres of land and a small number of houses was submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government towards the end of the year. Confirmation of the Order is anticipated early in 1969.

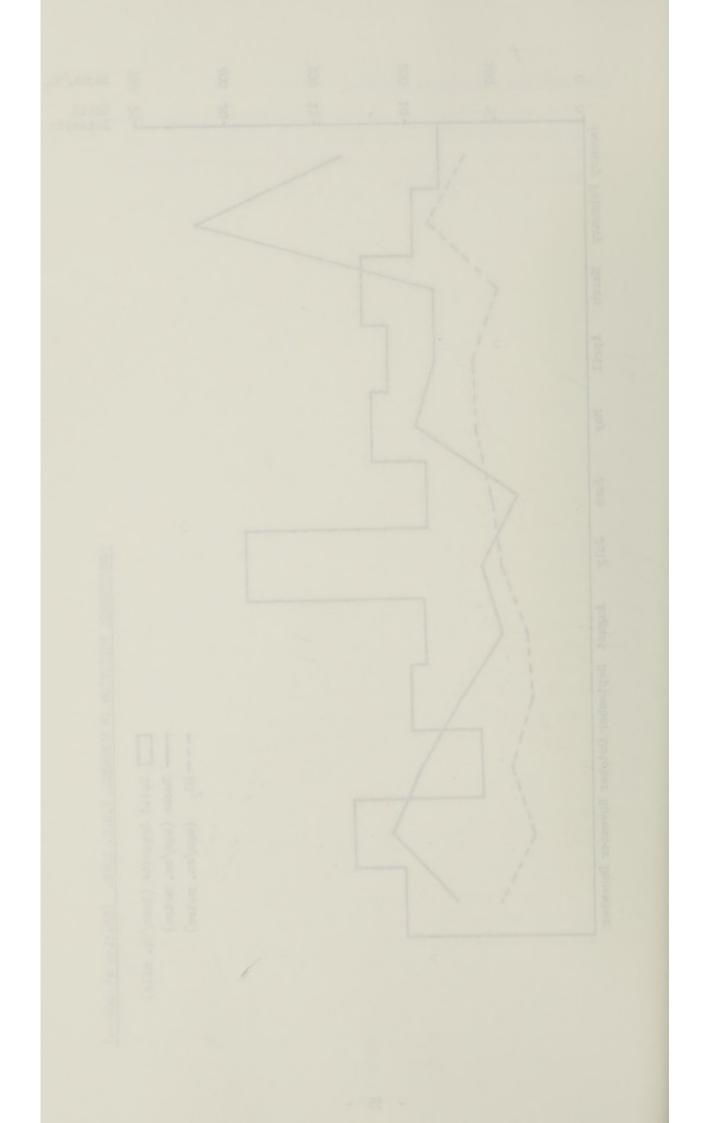
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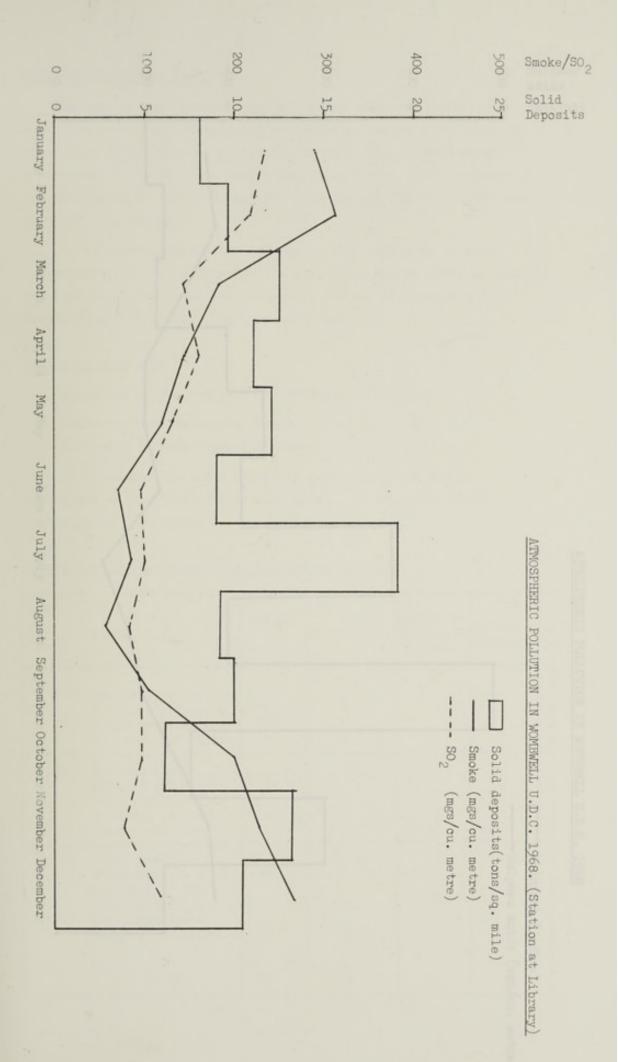
The graphs on the following pages give a pictorial representation of the three groups of pollution along with the rainfall for each month of the year. Two stations are maintained for the measurement of smoke and SO2 concentration.

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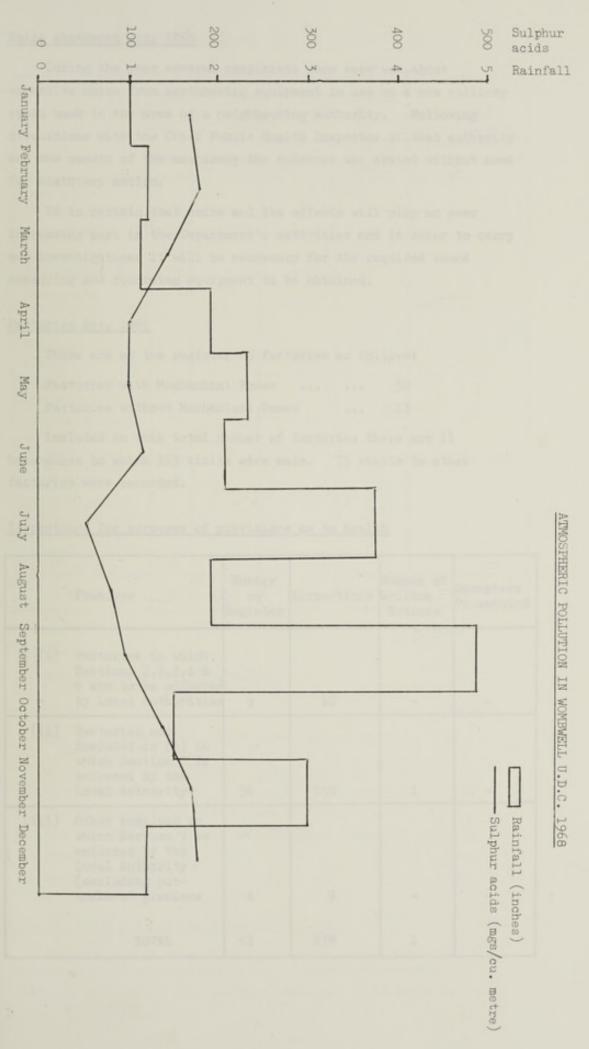
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#### Noise Abatement Act, 1960

During the year several complaints were received about excessive noise from earthmoving equipment in use on a new colliery spoil bank in the area of a neighbouring authority. Following discussions with the Chief Public Health Inspector of that authority and the owners of the machinery the nuisance was abated without need for statutory action.

It is certain that noise and its effects will play an ever increasing part in the Department's activities and in order to carry out investigations it will be necessary for the required sound measuring and recording equipment to be obtained.

# Factories Act, 1961

There are on the register 63 factories as follows:

Factories with Mechanical Power ... 50

Factories without Mechanical Power ... 13

Included in this total number of factories there are 11 bakehouses to which 103 visits were made. 75 visits to other factories were recorded.

# Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

10.02	Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities		10	_	-
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	50	159	1	_
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises	4	9	-	-
	TOTAL	63	178	1	-

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			Res	ferred	cases in which	
	Found	Remedied	To H.M.	By H.M. Inspector	prosecutions were instituted	
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	12	- 11	-	-	_	
Overcrowding(S.2)	-	-	-	-	-	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	_	-	_	-	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	_	-	-	-	_	
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7)						
a. Insufficient	-	-	-	n bushi	-	
<ul><li>b. Unsuitable or defective</li><li>c. Not separate</li></ul>	10	9	-	1		
for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating						
to Out-work	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	22	20	-	1	-	

# Outwork

Nature of work - Textile Weaving

	Total
No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	1
No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Nil
No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Nil
No. of instances of work in unwholesome Premises	Nil
Notices served	Nil
Prosecutions	Nil

# Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Once again much time was devoted to the inspection of registered premises under this Act. A gradual improvement in standards was noticed over previous years and it is hoped that this trend will continue.

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Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises Registered during the year	registered	No. of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year	Total premises inspected at end of year
Offices	or year 2 course	25	14	25
Retail Shops	2	77	73	77
Wholesale Shops		1	1	1
Catering Establishments	restraction	11	13	11
Fuel Storage Depots		-		-
TOTA	LS 2	114	101	114

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises - 245

Table C - Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of Workplace	No of persons employed
Offices	125
Retail Shops	313
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses Catering Establishments open to	5
the public	58
Canteens	4
Fuel Storage Depots	Le type tol -je
Total	505
Total Males	200
Total Female	s 305

A total of 505 persons (comprising 200 males and 305 females) are employed to work in registered premises within the district.

4 notices were served during the year in respect of retail shops. The contraventions or requirements referred to in these notices totalled 16 and are itemised below under the respective sections of the Act.

Section No.	of Contraventions
S.4. (Cleanliness) S.6. (Temperature) S.9. (Sanitary Conveniences) S.16. (Floors, Passages and Stairs) S.24. (First Aid) S.50. (Information)	1 1 4 6 2 2

Without exception owners and occupiers of premises visited were co-operative and it was not necessary to institute legal proceedings under the Act.

#### Accidents in Registered Premises

Section 48 of the Act requires that any accident occurring in premises to which the Act applies which results in the death of or prevents from working for 3 days, any person employed therein, shall be notified to the Local Authority.

During the year 9 accidents were reported and all were investigated. No fatal accidents were reported.

Six of these accidents were caused by hand tools i.e., butchers knives and the remainder due to lifting and carrying heavy weights.

#### Exemptions

A certificate of exemption which was issued in 1966 was renewed for a further two years in respect of a shop where it is impossible to provide reasonably accessible sanitary accommodation.

#### Moveable Dwellings

62 Caravans were parked on land in the area without licence at various times of the year. The areas in the town which are principally affected are Broomhill (land off Pontefract Road and at various points on the Ings), Lundhill (Greenland), land off Station Road, land off Netherwood Road and the Mitchells Area.

193 visits were paid to these unauthorised sites.

The parking of such caravans presents considerable problems. The occupants are frequently of an undesirable type and are invariably engaged in the collection of rags, scrap metals, etc. There is no water supply, no sanitary accommodation, no drainage, no refuse storage accommodation, and the areas affected are littered with masses of discarded cartons, bottles, cans, motor car bodies etc., all of which give the countryside a most unprepossessing appearance.

The assistance of the Chief Inspector of Police and his staff was requested on several occasions and as always this was promptly and freely given.

#### Verminous Premises

3 Council owned houses were disinfested during the year.

The houses and furniture were treated in certain cases rehoused as a result of Slum Clearance activities in the New Scarbro' Area.

A number of complaints were received from tenants of houses and bungalows in the new Council Housing Estate at Aldham House Farm and Arundel View, Jump, of clover mite. These small red mite were found on paths, in walls etc., and a programme of spraying a wettable insecticide was put in hand immediately. 54 dwellings were found to be affected.

#### Rodent Control

Particular attention has been given to all known sources of infestation, including refuse tips, sewage works and allotments which have regularly been surveyed and treated when necessary.

All food premises, shops, canteens, etc., are inspected for evidence of infestation during the course of normal routine visits. Advice has been given on rodent proofing and other control measures.

A sewer treatment was carried out during the year and the results were satisfactory. The regular treatment of sewers in your District over the past twenty years has kept infestation at a reasonably low level.

Two of your employees have been trained in modern methods of Rodent Control and one of these men is employed as much as possible on this work. Any complaints have been dealt with as quickly as possible. The following is a brief analysis of the work carried out during the period under review.

#### Properties other than Sewers

		Type of P	roperty
		Non-agricultura	l Agricultural
1.	Number of properties in district	t 7105	23
2.	a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following	7.44	2
	notification	144	-
	b) Number infested by (i) Mice (ii) Rats	19 125	2
3.	a) Total number of properties inspected for rats/or mice for reasons other than notification	1120	23
			1.57
	b) Number infested by (i) Mice (ii) Rats	19 47	19

#### Hairdressers and Barbers

Since the Council made Byelaws in 1953, hairdressers and barbers have been registered. There were on the register at the end of 1968 40 premises. 22 inspections were made during the year. The standard of cleanliness maintained is reasonably good.

#### Public Conveniences

Every effort is made to maintain the conveniences in a clean and efficient condition but it is virtually impossible to achieve this desired end due to the gross amount of wilful damage done to equipment and fittings. Members of the public occasionally make complaints concerning the damage and abuse and it would seem that

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#### SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Type of Convenience	Number	Percentage	
Water Closets	8196	99.94	
Pail Closets	2	.02	
Privy Middens	3	.04	

9 W.C's were constructed for new houses and other property.
61 additional W.C's were provided for existing property.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING 1967

#### Collection

The Service is carried out entirely by the Council's own employees with four vehicles. There are 2 side-loading vehicles (one of 45 cwts. capacity and one of 60 cwts. capacity) and 2 dual-tip lorries, each of 18/20 cu. yards capacity. They are of all steel construction and diesel driven. All four lorries are well maintained, kept well painted and are a credit to the township.

The older of the two dual-tip lorries was scrapped during the year and a new compression type vehicle was brought into use in August.

The unsatisfactory garage accommodation remains one of our most pressing problems.

Urgent consideration should be given to the provision of a suitable depot, including garages, stores, maintenance and repair departments, dining, locker and sanitary accommodation for the Public Cleansing Staff.

Generally speaking a weekly collection was maintained throughout the year. Extreme difficulty is experienced from time to time due to shortage of labour.

The staff engaged on these duties are provided with donkey jackets, overalls, gloves, eyeshields and protective barrier cream.

The weighing of refuse was continued and this makes for greater accuracy in the compilation of the following statistics

During the year 3298 loads of refuse were collected as follows:

					No. of Loads	No. of tons	No. of working days	Daily Average Loads	Daily Average Weight Tons
No.3	Lorry	80	cwts.	diesel	567	1984	256	2.20	7.70
No.5	Lorry	60	cwts.	diesel	1098	2196	306	3.58	7.10
No.6	Lorry	45	cwts.	diesel	856	1284	302	2.80	4.20
No.7	Lorry	80	cwts.	diesel	567	1701	222	2.50	7.60
No.8	Lorry	35	cu.yd.	diesel	210	840	126	1.66	6.60

It is estimated that 3298 loads weighed 8005 tons.

The estimated weight collected per 1,000 premises was 1257 tons.

The estimated weight collected per 1,000 population was 418 tons.

The average estimated amount of refuse collected from each house during the year was 1256 tons.

#### Disposal

Since the introduction of mechanical disposal of the town's refuse in 1955 the work has been carried out far more satisfactorily than was ever possible previously. There has been a financial saving and it is possible for the tip attendant to devote time to controlling insects on the tips. There is a noticeable absence of flies, crickets, woodlice and rodents from our tips. The constant application of B.H.C. Gammexane controls insects to a great extent and regular survey and baiting maintain a satisfactory control over rodents.

Refuse is consolidated in comparatively thin layers, covering material is stored whenever obtainable and spread and levelled on the tipped surface. The system has, no doubt, contributed to the reduction in vermin and insects, reduced the danger of fire, brought a reduction in expenditure on tyres and has made it possible to dispense with the use of sleepers.

The refuse was disposed of as follows:-

Place	Number of Loads	Percentage	
Wombwell Wood Quarry	3298	100	

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	Col	lect	ion	Di	spo	sal		Pota	1
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	8	đ
Cost per estimated ton Cost per 1,000 population Cost per 1,000 premises	962 2 <b>8</b> 92		5 1 0	124 373	5 3 1	11 9 11	2 1087 3266	12 2 0	4 10 11
INCOME	1687	0	0				1687	0	0
NETT COSTS	18431	0	0	2377	0	0	20808	0	0

The rate required for Public Cleansing (Street Cleansing excluded) was 12.40d.

#### Municipal Dustbin Scheme

Since the Council undertook to supply refuse bins to domestic premises under Section 75(3) of the Public Health Act, 1936, 6,831 worn out bins have been replaced. 349 during the year under review.

The operation of a scheme such as this has brought considerable benefit. Refuse bins are part of the tools of refuse collection and to have a bin of adequate dimensions and of a satisfactory type is one of the factors in maintaining a regular weekly collection of domestic refuse.

#### Trade Refuse

The Council has arrangements to remove trade refuse from 30 different premises. Such refuse is cleared twice weekly and when circumstances necessitate it butcher's and fishmongers' waste is removed more frequently.

#### Inspection of District

A total of 1,184 inspections were made to investigate nuisances and housing defects and 799 re-visits were recorded.

91 Informal Notices were served and of these 84 were complied with along with 10 brought forward from 1967. 17 relating to 17 nuisances were carried forward.

During the year 250 complaints were received and all were dealt with.

A considerable amount of time is taken up in interviewing tenants, owners, contractors, estate agents, etc., at the office at at various types of property. There were 1,867 such interviews during the year.

Details are given below of defects remedied after informal discussions with the persons concerned or after the service of Informal and Formal Notices.

# Repairs and Renewals to Houses

Made dry - spouting         41           Made dry - spointing or structural plaster         30           Damp proof course inserted         12           Plaster work repaired         37           Floors repairs         8           Window frames repaired or renewed         14           Door frames and door repaired or renewed         12           Fire ranges repaired or renewed         7           Firebacks repaired or renewed         2           Sinks renewed         3           Sash cords renewed         12           Chimneys repaired         11           Handrails fixed         1           Drains reconstructed, repaired or opened out         27           Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed         4           Sink Gullies renewed         15           Vent shafts provided or repaired         1           Inspection chambers constructed         1           Choked drains cleared         858           Sanitary Accommodation           Water closets fittings repaired or renewed         23           Water service pipes repaired         28           Water service pipes repaired         28           Water service pipes repaired         64           Dustbins renewed or provided <th></th> <th></th> <th></th>			
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25 of the above matters were dealt with by statutory notices where owners or persons concerned failed within a reasonable time to abate nuisances or to execute works required.

18 of these notices were served under the Public Health Acts
1936 and 1961. 13 relating to nuisances, 4 to sanitary accommodation,
1 to the provision of drainage. 14 of these notices had been complied
with at the end of the year.

7 notices were served under Sections 35 of the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951. They were served in cases of urgency where, having regard to all the circumstances there would have been unreasonable delay in remedying the defects by following the procedure prescribed in Sections 93 to 95 of the Public Health Act, 1936. All of these notices were complied with.

#### Salvage Reclamation

The gross income derived from Salvage during the year ended 31st March, 1969 was £1,910. ls. 1ld.

The following table gives details of articles salvaged together with the amounts received for them:

		Weigh	t		T	otals	
Salvaged Materials	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	lbs	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	183	16	0	23	1769.	6.	2.
Textiles	3	6	3	0	53.	8.	0.
Ferrous Metals	4	14	1	0	37.	14.	0.
Non-Ferrous Metals		8	3	12	49.	13.	9.
TOTALS	192	6	0	7	1910.	1.	11.

The salvage of waste paper was commenced by the Department in 1940.

Since that time to the end of March, 1969, 4,242 tons of waste paper has been collected. The income derived from these sales amounts to £34,429.

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#### SECTION V

#### DIVISIONAL STAFF

Divisional Medical Officer: C. G. Oddy, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Senior Departmental Medical

Officer: Post vacant since August, 1966.

Departmental Medical Officer: A. M. Gill, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Clinic Medical Officers: Dr. C. B. Ball Dr. W. G. S. Maxwell

Dr. J. D. Byrne Dr. M. S. Scott

Dr. D. J. Fairclough Dr. M. E. Tapissier Dr. H. W. Gothard Dr. L. Taylor

Dr. K. Mathers

Divisional Nursing Officer: Miss M. E. Pilling.

Health Visitors: Mrs. D. Dyson Mrs. E.A.M. Thompson

Mrs. A. M. Harston Mrs. C. Totty
Mrs. M. Jones Mrs. M. Tullie
Miss M. E. Lee Miss D. Westerman
Mrs. D. M. Parry Mrs. A. M. Widdison

Mrs. K. Rowe

Tuberculosis- Health Visitor: Mrs. E. Beever (retired June)

Clinic Nurses: Mrs. E. Allen Mrs. P. A. Hewitt Miss E. Durkin Mrs. D. Hodgson

Mrs. J. C. Greensmith Mrs. S. A. Potts

Midwives: Mrs. B. Burns Mrs. I. L. Jones

Mrs. B. Burtoft Miss M. T. Rochford Mrs. C. M. Dempsey Miss A. C. Senior (res. May) Mrs. E. A. Staley Mrs. J. Dodds Mrs. M. Walters

Mrs. B. Fitzpatrick Mrs. M. Wroe Miss J. Hampton (ret. April)

Mrs. B. Horsfield

Home Nurses: Mrs. V. Beech Mrs. M. Jarvis (res. March) Mrs. M. McConnell

Mrs. M. Bexon Mrs. H. Padgett
Mrs. H. Biegalski (ret. Oct.)
Mrs. E. Brooks Mrs. B. Parker

Mrs. F. G. Cartwright Mrs. J. B. Seales Miss B. Chapman (app. Aug.)

Miss N. C. Crofton Mrs. B. Walker
Mrs. E. Cross (app. Oct.)
Mrs. P. E. Hall Mrs. C. M. Wilson

Mrs. R. Hamshaw (res. July)

Mental Welfare Officers: Mr. J. Armitage Mr. T. Johnson

Speech Therapist: Post Vacant

Senior Clerk: Mr. L. S. Wrigg

#### DIVISIONAL REPORT

#### Vital Statistics

A table of comparable vital statistics is shown for each of the County districts in the Division. This may be of interest to each authority in assessing how each stand in relation to each other and in relation to the County and National statistics.

#### Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the population in the \*Division at mid 1968 was 80,190 compared with 79,750 in the
previous year. The natural increase in population showing the
number of births over deaths was 555 in 1968, compared with 628
in the previous year.

#### Births

The number of live births registered in the Division in 1968 was 1,422, compared with 1,475 in 1967. This is equivalent to a crude birth rate of 17.7 per 1,000 compared with 18.5 per 1,000 in the previous year. The number of illegitimate births was 83 in 1968. This represents 5.8% of the total births, compared with 4.9% in 1967 and 5.3% in 1966.

#### Stillbirths

There were 22 stillbirths during the year, compared with 24 during 1967. This gives a stillbirth rate of 15.2 compared with 16.0 in 1967 and with 14.3 for England and Wales.

# Deaths

The deaths assigned to the Division after the addition and subtraction of inward and outward transfers was 867, which was 20 more than in the previous year. This gives a crude death rate for the Division of 10.8, as compared with 10.6 in 1967.

# Maternal Mortality

I am happy to report that there was no death from this cause during the year. The maternal mortality rate for the Division was Nil, compared with 0.09 for the administrative County and with 0.24 for England and Wales.

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# VITAL STATISTICS

District	Acres	Registrar General's estimate of Population mid 1967	Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 pop.	Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 pop.	Still- Birth Rate	Infant Death Rate	Peri-natal Mortality Rate
CUDWORTH	1,746	9,210	19.0	15.2	1	16.0	5.3
DARFIELD	2,018	7,170	20.7	11.3	24.2	6.2	24.2
DARTON	4,718	15,270	16.0	12.2	23.7	1	23.7
DODWORTH	1,857	4,390	16.8	15.6	25.3	13.0	38.0
ROYSTON	1,452	8,610	16.0	15.3	32.1	13.2	38.5
WOMBWELL	3,050	19,140	18.9	15.1	8.4	22.5	25.1
WORSEROUGH	5,420	16,400	13.8	12.5	8.2	8.2	16.3
DIVISION 25	19,061	80,190	17.7 (orude)	10.8 (crude)	15.2	12.0	22.9
ADMINISTRATIVE		1,774,270	17.8	11.6	14.3	18.5	25.0
ENGLAND AND WALES		Not available	16.9	11.9	14.3	18.3	24.7

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TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS IN THE DIVISION

	Under 1 wk.	1-2 wks.	2-3 wks.	3-4 wks.	Under 4 wks.	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	TOTAL
Prematurity	0,	1	1	1	6*	1	,		1	0,
Gastro-enteritis	- 1	ī	1				2	1	,	2
Congenital defects				1	-	,	1	,	200	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	,	1	,	1	,	1	1	1	1	
Broncho-pneumonia and Acute Bronchitis	,	1	1	1	1	-	-	1		2
Meningitis (bacterial)	1	1	1	I I	1	1	1	1	1	1
Accidental	1		1	,	1	П	г	1	-	2
TOTAL	11	,	1	П	, 12	2	3	1	,	17

\* 7 of these were non-viable due to extreme prematurity.

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#### Infant Deaths and Peri-natal Mortality Rates

There were 17 infant deaths in the division in the year, of which 12 occurred in the neo-natal period. This compares with 28 and 22 respectively in the previous year. These figures represent an infant mortality rate for the division of 12.0, compared with 19.0 for the previous year and with 18.3 for England and Wales.

I would like to again draw attention to the fact that of the 11 infant deaths occurring within the first week of life 7 of them were so premature as to be below the age of viability. This means that had they not breathed they would not even have been regarded as stillbirths, but rather as miscarriages and as such would never have entered the official statistics at all. Prematurity was associated with no less than 9 deaths in the early neo-natal period, demonstrating the importance of this factor as a contributory cause of death in early infancy. Of the 17 babies who died under one year of age 12 were born in hospital and 5 at home.

The peri-natal mortality rate for the division was 22.9, compared with 25.0 for the administrative County. The Registrar General has provided a peri-natal rate for England and Wales, which this year represents 24.7. It is pleasing to record a peri-natal death rate for the year which is less than the comparable value for the administrative County and for England and Wales.

The illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births = Nil for the Division.

#### Smallpox Vaccination

Some 574 persons under 16 years of age were vaccinated against Smallpox during the year, including 23 re-vaccinations, which represents a decrease of 10 compared with 1967. Every effort is made to encourage parents to have their children vaccinated against smallpox during the second year of life. This is the optimum time to perform primary vaccination and reactions tend to be minimal.

#### Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis Immunisation

Pre-school children On 1st January, 1968, the West Riding County Council introduced a computer scheme of immunisation into the Division following successful pilot schemes in the High Green and Keighley Divisions. The effect of the scheme has been to centralise records of immunisation procedures from the whole County area and, therefore, records of immunisation performed in the Division are now recorded on magnetic tape in Wakefield. Local records are no longer available and it is now impossible to present local district statistics as was usual in the past. The scheme on the whole worked

quite smoothly and immunisation against these diseases has been maintained at a satisfactory level. Evidence shows that the instroduction of computer scheme of this nature is likely to increase the overall immunisation rate for a district by approximately ten per cent. This is probably due to the fact that appointments for immunisation are made automatically at the appropriate time to every child in the area where consent for immunisation has been given by the parent of the child. Parents are also allowed the choice of local clinic or family doctor.

## Measles Immunisation

In May of 1968 live Measles vaccine for the protection of susceptible children became available and a scheme for the protection of these children was inaugurated. Susceptible school children and children from four to five years of age were dealt with initially and later on in the year immunisation was offered to younger susceptible children and babies from fourteen months onwards.

#### Measles Immunisation 1968

		Year of Birth							
process the	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64	1952-60	TOTAL		
Number Immunised	-	202	219	180	740	12	1,353		

#### Tetanus Immunisation

Schoolchildren - Immunisation against Tetanus continued during 1968. Rather fewer children were immunised with primary doses but considerably more booster doses of tetanus vaccine were given in 1968 than in the previous year. Every effort is made to encourage the administration of active tetanus immunisation in the school child. More children are now becoming of school age who were immunised against Tetanus in infancy.

#### Tetanus Immunisation

	Primary	Booster
No. immunised during 1968	1,320	1,623
No. immunised during 1967	1,615	1,091

#### Poliomyelitis

During the year 1,462 children were vaccinated with three doses of oral vaccine, 130 more than were vaccinated during 1967. I am pleased to report that no cases of this disease were notified during the year. This is undoubtedly due to the success of the immunisation scheme which continued during the year. This makes a grand total of 38,152 persons vaccinated since the inception of the scheme, and of these 12,390 have received a fourth dose.

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#### Poliomyelitis Immunisation

		YEAR OF BIRTH							
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64	OTHERS under 16 years	TOTAL		
Primary Course of Oral (3 Doses)	374	842	80	36	113	17	1,462		
Booster (4th Do	se)	All ag	ge Grou	ps eli	gible		1,549		

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The number of children examined at routine medical inspection increased by about one third during the year to a total of 2,836. The method of "selective" medical inspection continued in the case of children attending junior schools in the Division and later on the scheme was introduced into the senior schools in place of the customary leaver's inspection. This scheme is intended to replace the old system of routine inspection whereby every child was submitted for medical inspection by the school doctor. Essentially, the children are selected for examination by questionnaire and teacher referral. At present the scheme is working well and helps to save doctor's time and allows a more detailed study of the children who are selected for examination. Shortage of medical staff continued throughout the year and added to the difficulties of providing a complete school health service capable of dealing with educational and health problems presented to it. Despite repeated efforts to try and recruit experienced doctors into the service no appointment of Senior Departmental Medical Officer could be made and the outlook for the future seems gloomy. Much of the routine work was entrusted to sessionally employed medical practitioners.

#### SUMMARY OF DEFECTS FOUND

Defect	Treatment	Observation
Eye	92	165
Ear, Nose and Throat	26	102
Heart	3	12
Lungs	10	31
Orthopaedic	37	38
OTHER	85	281

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#### SCHOOL DOCTORS' AND SPECIALIST CLINIC ATTENDANCES

District	Ophthalmic	Ear, Nose and Throat	Orthopaedic	Child Guidance
Cudworth	107	2	63	16
Darfield	80	1	14	4
Darton	156	1	94	35
Dodworth	47	9	13	8
Royston	92		8	19
Wombwell	209	4	3	8
Worsbrough	191	8	54	31
Other areas	38	3	30	85
TOTAL	920	28	279	206

# B.C.G. Vaccination

Routine Mantoux testing and B.C.G. Vaccination continued during 1968. A total of 938 children entering Senior Schools in the division were vaccinated against Tuberculosis. A table showing the results of the vaccination scheme is shown below.

B.C.G. VACCINATION 1968

District	Number Skin Tested	Number Positive	% Positive	Number found to be negative	Number Vaccinated
Cudworth	128	8	6.2	117	113
Darfield	101	5	4.9	82	79
Darton	167	11	6.5	154	150
Dodworth	48	2	4.1	46	46
Royston	177	9	5.0	166	161
Wombwell	177	8	4.5	161	148
Worsbrough	185	10	5.4	173	159
Barnsley Girls' High School	106	6	5.6	97	94
TOTAL	1,089	59	5.4	996	950
TUBERCULOSIS CONTACT SCHEME	120	5	4.1	115	115

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#### MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES

The number of cases attended by domiciliary midwives fell to 437, compared with 444 in the previous year. There were 993 institutional confinements, compared with 1,053 in 1967. The proportion of patients delivered in hospitals and maternity homes rose from 68% to 69.8% in 1968. The proportion of domiciliary patients receiving some form of analgesia was 77%. The trend towards using Trilene instead of Gas and Air continued, and in 1968, no patients had Gas and Air.

Pethidine ... ... 59
Trilene alone ... 121
Trilene and Pethidine ... 157
TOTAL 337

#### Ante-Natal Clinics

There was a decrease in the number of women attending West Riding Ante-Natal Clinics and yet the number of attendances remained almost constant. The trend towards general practitioners running their own ante-natal clinics, either in their own premises or at West Riding Clinics continued and this accounts for the decline in the official West Riding Clinics, because such attendances are not reflected in our statistics.

Attendances at relaxation and mothercraft classes continued to increase during the year. This educational aspect of the work of the domiciliary midwife is becoming increasingly important.

#### Infant Welfare Clinics

Attendances at Infant Welfare Clinics in the Division showed a decrease. During 1968, 40,313 attendances were made showing a decrease of approximately 5.4% over the previous year. The attendances, however, clearly indicate that good use is being made of the clinic facilities available in the area.

TABLE SHOWING INFANT WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES DURING 1968

District	Total number of children attending	Number of Attendances
Cudworth	519	3,724
Darfield	511	3,576
Darton	422	3,525
Staincross	328	3,061
Gawber	90	1,203
Dodworth	291	2,561
Royston	457	5,383
Wombwell	572	7,875
Jump	93	1,346
Worsbrough	508	4,320
Birdwell	192	1,758
Blacker Hill	180	1,981
TOTAL	4,163	40,313

ATTENDANCES AT ANTE-NATAL CLINICS AND RELAXATION CLASSES

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#### Health Visiting

The table below shows the number of first visits made by the Health Visitors in 1968. Other visits made are no longer recorded and the information is, therefore, no longer available for statistical purposes.

#### HEALTH VISITING CARRIED OUT IN 1968

	First Visits
Visits to children born in 1968	1,440
Visits to children born in 1967	1,569
Visits to children norm in 1963-1966	2,413
TOTAL visits to children under 5 years	5,422
Ceriatric other than for domestic help	713
Other visits including Tuberculosis	3,265
TOTAL	9,400

#### Health Visiting and Home Nursing Attachment Scheme

On the 1st September, 1968, a scheme of attachment of Health Visitors and Home Nurses to general practitioners was introduced along the lines comparable to schemes in other areas. In principle the scheme allows the attached nurse to work with a general practitioner as a "team" in a practice area rather than a geographical area as in the past. The scheme has been well accepted by the general practitioners but it is a little early yet to comment on the success or otherwise of the scheme.

#### Screening Techniques

During the year 1,397 babies were tested for the presence of Phenylketonuria, all of whom proved negative. This is an important screening technique aimed at preventing mental sub-normality developing in a baby who has a positive reaction. Ortolani tests were carried out on all babies born in the Division to discover cases of congenital dislocation of the hip. If such cases are discovered early the treatment is of much shorter duration and the results enormously improved. As a result of this screening technique no less than 20 cases were referred to the Orthopaedic Surgeon and confirmed as dislocation; thereby qualifying for early treatment of the condition.

#### Routine Hearing Tests in Infants

A computer scheme was introduced into the Division in March, 1968, to enable the Health Visiting staff to perform simple routine hearing tests on all young babies between the ages of six and nine months. The purpose of the scheme is to detect serious loss of hearing as soon as possible, preferably before speech has been acquired. Appointments are made automatically by the computer and the information provided by the tests is recorded centrally.

# Cervical Cytology .

In February of 1968 it was decided to extend the work of the Cervical Cytology Clinic held at 6, Victoria Road. Women attending the clinic now have a more complete medical examination which includes a cervical smear, examination of the breasts, heart, blood pressure, urine and chest. The patient's general practitioner is informed in any case where an abnormality is discovered. Sessions are held twice weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by appointment. During the year 803 women attended, compared with 631 women in 1967, and two early cases of cancer of the uterine cervix were detected.

## Home Nursing Service

There was an increase in the number of visits carried out by the Home Nursing Service during the year. 48,156 visits were made, compared with 46,180 in the previous year. Attachment of nursing staff to general practitioners means that it is no longer possible to breakdown work into areas. Analysis of work is still possible in clinical varieties and is shown below:

#### HOME NURSING CARRIED OUT DURING 1968

Total	1 N	lumber	of	Cases				0		 1,691
No.	of	cases	who	were	over	65	years	of	age	 941

#### VISITS MADE

Medical			 37,129
Surgical			 10,235
Infectious Di	sease		 34
Tuberculosis			 602
Maternal Comp	licatio	ons	 136
Other cases			 20
		TOTAL	48,156

#### Geriatric Services

Excellent liaison was maintained with the Consultant Geriatrician in the form of weekly meetings at the Mount Vernon Hospital attended by the Divisional Medical Officer, Divisional Nursing Officer and a member of the Staff of the West Riding Welfare Department, together with the Consultant Geriatrician, Dr. P. K. Ramaswami, and the hospital social worker. Discussions took place both with regard to the admission and discharge of geriatric patients with mutual benefit.

#### Health Education

Health education in the Division has carried on quite smoothly throughout the year. Subjects have been varied and health education takes place in clinics, schools and in the homes. All members of the medical and nursing staff contribute in some way or another. Where a formal programme is followed as in schools and relaxation classes, group discussions are playing a larger part. These appear to produce a livelier and long-lasting interest of the subject, by the participants.

In some ways, health education can count its successes, e.g., the rise in the number of women seeking the services of the cervical cytology clinic. It can also count its failures in the fact that 43 children from this Division, in the age range 0 - 5 years, were admitted into Barnsley Hospitals suffering from accidental poisoning. Many more were treated in the Casualty Departments. The treatment, in most cases, is usually a stomach wash-out - a shattering experience to a child. The two years and three years group are at greatest risk when as most parents will admit - they "are into everything". Aspirin and other tablets still provide the biggest source of danger with bleach, turpentine and liniments coming next. All children have to undergo unpleasant experiences, but poisoning should not be one of them.

#### Loan of Equipment

This service was continued and issues made are indicated below:

	No . of Issues		No. of Issues
Bedding - blankets pillows pillow-cases sheets	17 14 14 38	Mattresses Pressure Rings Rubber Sheets Walking Aids inc. crutches	54 103 234 s 138
Bed Cradles Bed Pans Bed Rests	63 208 107	Wheel Chairs - Adult Junior Adult Cot	67
Bedsteads with Poles Bedsteads other Commodes Cushions Dunlopillo	24 14 81 7	Fracture Boards Cool Air Humidifiers Electric Suction Pump Hydraulic Hoists	10

The increasing demand for nursing equipment is probably related to the early discharge of treated geriatric patients following mobilisation and rehabilitation within the hospital. There was a trend during the year to receive requests for more sophisticated types of equipment than was the case in the past.

#### Day and Night Nursing Service

This service was taken over by the County Council from the Marie Curie Trust. No cases required help during 1968.

#### Chiropody

The number of patients treated last year showed a decrease of approximately 6%. I feel that it is important that we should encourage patients to make every effort to visit the Chiropodist at his clinic or surgery rather than rely on domiciliary treatment, not only is domiciliary treatment much more expensive to provide but it is felt that the old people would generally benefit by the social contacts made whilst attending the Clinic.

#### Home Help Service

The Home Help Service was again provided mainly for the elderly. The number of households assisted during the year increased to over 1,000, while the number of hours expended fell by just over 12%. An increased demand for the service is inevitable in view of the fact that the proportion of elderly infirm in the general population increases slightly year by year. Increasing family mobility can result in the elderly having no relatives who live nearby to help them and indeed, in some cases, relatives who do live in close proximity are unwilling to help their elderly parents. These latter cases are always the more distressing and produce an increasing demand on the service. Working in heavy industries and in particular mining, seems to produce early invalidation and infirmity in the retired male age group, this in turn can produce a demand for the service. Recently there has been a welcome tendency to rehabilitation and early discharge in the case of geriatric patients. Cases of this nature on discharge often require substantial assistance in the form of domestic help. These factors should emphasise the importance of this service in this area and it is inevitable that the increasing demand for the service will continue.

0.1	Number of Cas	ses		
Category	From previous year	New Cases	TOTAL	Hours
Over 65 years	790	187	977	139,280
Under 65 years: Chronic Sick Mentally	61	16	77	13,178
Disordered Maternity Others	2 1 5	7 9	2 8 14	950 423 4,903
TOTAL	859	219	1078	158,734

# CHIROPODY SERVICE

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NO.OF TREATMENTS ARRIED OUT AT HOME	Physically Handicapped	7	58	14	10	12	. 5	49	155
NO.OF TREAT	Pensioners	157	308	895	215	772	582	1,080	4,009
PATIENTS AT HOME	Physically Handicapped	, 2	6	2	3	3	2	11	32
NO. OF PATIENTS TREATED AT HOME	Pensioners	36	89	163	62	109	55	193	989
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TREATMENTS CARRIED CLINIC OR SURGERY	Physically Handicapped	4	33	8	80	1	34	28	911
NO. OF TRE	Pensioners	388	1,080	1,025	746	1,056	1,536	2,166	7,997
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NO. OF PATIENTS TREATED IN CLINIC OR SURGERY	Physically Handicapped	1	7	6	2	9	12	5	42
NO. OF P	Pensioners	138	200	208	148	193	336	332	1,555
1000	No. of sessions held	20	162,	135	98	133	198	249	1,025
	AREA	CUDWORTH	DARFIELD	DARTON	DODWORTH	ROYSTON	WOMBWELL	WORSBROUGH	DIVISIONAL

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#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

#### A. Mental Sub-Normality

## Distribution of Mentally Handicapped

Bare one the second	FEN	MALES	MAI	ES	
	Over 16 yrs.	Under 16 yrs.	Over 16 yrs.	Under	TOTAL
Cases on Register at 31st December, 1968	110	36	106	33	285
No. attending Training Centre	37	17	29	28	111
No. resident in Hostels	2	-	1	-	3
No. working or assisting in the home	61	18	76	-	155
No. refused Training Centres place	10	1	-	5	16

During the year 15 sub-normal cases were admitted for short-stay care.

## Training Facilities for Mentally Sub-Normal Patients

Training facilities continued at the Wombwell Comprehensive Training Centre at Wombwell. The essential basic training in the Junior Wing continued under Mrs. E. Large, the Centre Supervisor, and the policy of taking children under the age of five years continued to be successful.

Contract work continued for County Supplies Department in the Adult Wing and during the year a gradual expansion of work and variety of jobs occurred.

The Special Care Unit situated in the grounds of the Centre opened in January, 1968, and provides facilities to cater for up to twelve severely handicapped patients who are unable to attend the Training Centre.

The Parent-Teachers' Association continued to do valuable work. Fund raising activities were successful and social events, outings and games were organised. The members of the Association are to be congratulated for the help they gave in making the social events such a success.

Various gifts which were given to the Association by voluntary bodies during the year were very much appreciated.

#### B. Psychiatric Service

Throughout the year good liaison was maintained between the Mental Welfare Officers, the general practitioners in the Division and the Hospital Psychiatric Out-Patient Department.

There were 116 admissions to mental hospitals during the year:

# Classification of Admissions

	No. of Patients
Informal - Section 5	84
Emergency - Section 29	15
Observation - Section 25	13
Treatment - Section 26	4
TOTAL	116

# C. After-Care

30 new patients were added to the register as requiring support from the Mental Welfare Officers. This is a fall of 20 cases.

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