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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1957



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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
15 Mill Road,
Worthing.
June, 1958.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1957.

The General and Vital Statistics show no unusual features. The population rose by 680. There were four fewer births and 17 fewer deaths. The deaths exceeded births by 179, which means 859 more people entered the district than left it. Most of these are retired people and, whilst not improving the birth rate, they will tend to increase the death rate in the next few years.

As a cause of death, heart disease was more than double its nearest rival. In most cases it is due to a wearing out of the body tissues with age, but quite a number are due to coronary thrombosis (clotting in the blood vessels supplying the heart) in otherwise fit persons. Advances in science in the future may prevent some deaths from this cause. Cancer affects the older age group in general, but 17 of the deaths from this cause were in persons under 60.

I am very indebted to the Housing Manager for supplying me with much of the factual information on Housing contained in the Report. I am pleased to note that improvements to some pre-war Council houses took place and that 25 were provided with wash hand basins and baths. It is really a hardship to-day to be without a bath, especially in an area where there are no readily accessible public baths. The waiting list for housing accommodation was reduced by 131, but there still remains a large number not satisfactorily housed.

As a result of the Food Hygiene Regulations, which came into force in 1956, more inspections were carried out during the year at food premises. The more supervision the Council is able to carry out at premises where food is prepared the better chance the public have of being safeguarded against food poisoning.

Sea Bathing is a healthy pastime which should be encouraged. Like all seaside areas, the district is concerned with the pollution of the sea by sewage. I have no evidence at all of any infection occurring which I could ascribe to sewage pollution of the sea. Perhaps it is as well that the sea is unpalatable.

The care of the elderly sick and infirm in the district is an ever increasing problem. Many cannot be satisfactorily looked after at home and some chronic invalids have no help at all. The cost of private nursing is beyond the financial resources of many and their only hope is a bed set aside for a chronic sick patient. Even those with social conditions requiring very urgent admission had to take their turn with other urgent cases. The Council contributes indirectly in helping this problem by finding suitable housing accommodation for old people.

As in other districts, Influenza of the Asian variety caused the General Practitioners much extra work. It was not, however, a severe type of Influenza in most patients.

I am grateful to all those Officers of the Council who have provided me with information so that I could compile this Report. My particular thanks to Mr. Oates and the staff of the Health Department for carrying out their duties so zealously during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
FRANK COCKCROFT,
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Worthing Rural District Council.

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres), 29,809.

Resident Population (1957) estimated by Registrar General, 32,370.

No. of inhabited houses end of 1957, according to Rate Books, 11,910.

Rateable value (1957), £570,081.

Sum represented by a 1d. rate, £2,335.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births:	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	355	182	173
Illegitimate	19	13	6
Stillbirths	7	2	5
Deaths	553	290	263
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ...			11.6
Corrected Birth Rate			14.3
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ...			18.4
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ...			17.1
Corrected Death Rate			10.6
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth, None.			
Deaths of Infants under one year of age, 5.			
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—			
All Infants, per 1,000 live births, 13.4.			
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births, 14.1.			
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births, Nil.			
Deaths from Cancer (all ages), 101.			
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age), Nil.			

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1957

	England and Wales	West Sussex Urban	Rural	Worthing R.D.
Birth Rate	16.1	15.02	13.2	11.6
Death Rate	11.5	13.4	12.1	17.1
Infantile Death Rate ...	23	20	18	13
Pulmonary Tuberculosis				
Death Rate	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.12
Cancer Death Rate ...	2.09	2.5	2.1	3.1
Maternity Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	0.47	0.29	0.0	0.0

DEATHS, AGE GROUPS, 1957

Age	Deaths		Age	Deaths	
	M.	F.		M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	3	2	35—44 years ...	8	2
1—2 years ...	—	—	45—54 „ ...	13	9
3—4 „ ...	—	—	55—59 „ ...	13	6
5—9 „ ...	2	—	60—64 „ ...	27	17
10—14 „ ...	—	—	65—69 „ ...	49	31
15—19 „ ...	1	1	70—79 „ ...	98	84
20—24 „ ...	—	—	80—89 „ ...	68	90
25—34 „ ...	—	1	90—99 „ ...	8	20
			100 years and over ...	—	—

This analysis shows that 66·5 per cent of the deaths were of persons aged 70 years of age and upwards.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1957

	Male	Female	Total Male & Female
Total. All Causes ...	290	263	553
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	14	3	17
Other forms of Cancer ...	37	47	84
Heart Disease ...	108	109	217
Vascular lesions of nervous system	41	56	97
Pneumonia and Bronchitis ...	26	6	32

Comparative Statistics, 1933—1957

	Population.	No. of inhabited houses.	Average number of persons per house.
1933	16,306	5,477	2·99
1938	23,640	8,822	2·68
1945	24,260	8,996	2·46
1950	29,600	10,010	2·95
1955	31,230	11,455	2·72
1957	32,370	11,910	2·72

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Councillor F. CAMPBELL.

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

FRANK COCKCROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

E. T. OATES, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.H., A.I.S.E.

Public Health Inspectors:

B. ROSSITER, C.R.S.H. (inc. Meat and Food Certs.).

A. R. MOORES, C.R.S.H.

C. F. PACKHAM, C.R.S.H. Resigned 30.4.57.

K. AUTY, C.R.S.H. (inc Meat and Food Certs.).

Commenced 1.6.57.

Pupil Public Health Inspector:

C. HAYWARD.

Rodent Operators:

C. ANDERSON. A. HOATH.

CLERICAL STAFF

This consists of three Clerks, of whom Miss Harding is the Chief. The Medical Officer of Health also has a part-time Secretary, Miss Woodroffe.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Littlehampton Urban District, and Assistant County Medical Officer.

Services provided by West Sussex County Council

Nursing.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area. Lists, showing their names and addresses, may be seen at County Libraries, Town Halls, or offices of Local District Councils, and the Public Health Department, Chichester.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

Child Welfare Clinics were held in the district as follows:

			<i>No. of children attending.</i>	<i>Total Attendances.</i>
Angmering	Tues. 2.30 p.m.		53	474
(Village Hall)	(1st & 3rd in month)			
East Preston	Thurs. 2.30 p.m.		221	996
(Conservative Hall)	(Weekly)			
Findon	Thurs. 2.30 p.m.		42	188
(Village Hall)	(1st & 3rd in month)			
Lancing	Weds. 2.30 p.m.		461	4363
(Health Centre)	Fridays. 2.30 p.m.			
	(Weekly)			
Rustington	Weds. 2.30 p.m.		267	1242
(Village Hall)	(Weekly)			

In addition, centres at Littlehampton and Arundel were available for residents adjoining these urban areas.

Ante Natal and Post Natal Clinics.

Rustington (Village Hall). Weds. 2.30 p.m. (Monthly).

Lancing (Health Centre). Tues. 2.30 p.m. (Weekly).

Attendances were as follows:

	<i>ANTE NATAL</i>		<i>POST NATAL</i>	
	<i>No. of women attending.</i>	<i>Total attendances.</i>	<i>No. of women attending.</i>	<i>Total attendances.</i>
Rustington ...	57	63	28	31
Lancing ...	102	458	10	10

Free dental treatment is available for expectant and nursing mothers at the Dental Clinics.

A Birth Control Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Centre, and the Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Centre, Bognor Regis.

School Clinics

The district is served by the following:

(a) Minor Ailments	}	Littlehampton and Lancing Health Centres.
(b) Eyes		
(c) Dental		
(d) Orthopædic		
(e) Physiotherapy		
(f) Speech Therapy		Lancing and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centres, and Littlehampton Health Centre as required.

Ambulance Service.

Acting as agents for the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society operate the Ambulance and Hospital Car Service in the County. Calls for an ambulance are made through the doctor or nurse in attendance on the case or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

Health Education.

The County Council are responsible for this service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors, both in the homes and at the Clinics.

Mental Health.

The County Council is responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Home Help Service.

This continued to be carried out very efficiently by the Women's Voluntary Service on behalf of the County Council.

The W.V.S. provide a Meals on Wheels service for old people. The western area is covered from Littlehampton and the eastern area from Lancing. The latter send out approximately 70 meals twice a week to old people in their homes, and 60 to an old peoples club three times a week.

Hospital and Specialist Services

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Mass Radiography Units are stationed at Portsmouth and Brighton.

Chest Clinics.

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, which are available to all residents in the Worthing Rural District.

Venereal Diseases.

Residents may attend Clinics at Worthing Hospital, St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, or St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

General Medical and Dental Services

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 175, Broyle Road, Chichester.

Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens:—

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.

The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948**NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951****Section 47**

It was not necessary to take action under this Section during the year.

Section 50—Burial or Cremation of the Dead

It was necessary to undertake the burial of one person during the year under the provisions of this Section. The Council have a contract with a local Undertaker for the burial of all persons to which this Section applies.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

(a) Twelve of the Parishes in the District have Public Mains Water Supply, the remaining five Parishes have piped supplies to a varying extent from private sources.

The following extensions of mains have been made during the year:—

(i) By Worthing Rural District Council in the Parishes of:—

Angmering	Malta Nursery, High Street	117 yards.
East Preston	Orchard Nurseries	725 „
	The Roystons	48 „
	The Ridings	44 „
Ferring	Midhurst Drive	33 „
	Off Florida Road	212 „
	Off Ansisters Road	95 „
	St. Malo Close	107 „
Findon	Tudor Close	112 „
	Nepcote Lane/Stable Lane	76 „
Rustington	Fircroft Crescent	416 „
	Windmill Drive	430 „
	Off Station Road	295 „
	Dolphin Way	116 „
	Woodlands Avenue	77 „
	Broadmark Lane (off)	145 „
	Pigeonhouse Lane	235 „

(ii) By Worthing Corporation in the Parish of:—

Sompting (4in)	60 „
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(iii) By Brighton Corporation in the Parish of Lancing:—

<i>Location.</i>	<i>Length.</i>	<i>Size.</i>
Monks Farm Estate, North Road ...	4 yards	3in.
ditto	1 „	6in.
Seaside Avenue	115 „	3in.
Manor Close, off Old Shoreham Road	244 „	4in.
ditto	47 „	6in.
Honeyman's Hole, Old Shoreham Road	4 „	6in.
ditto	9 „	9in.
Greenoaks Estate, Griffiths Avenue	234 „	4in.
Culver Road	93 „	3in.
Freshbrook Road	210 „	3in.
ditto	264 „	4in.
Hadlow Way, Barfield Park ...	171 „	3in.

The quantity of water for public consumption was adequate throughout the district.

The quality of the water provided by Brighton and Worthing Corporations and Littlehampton U.D.C. was satisfactory and wholesome. The chemical analysis shows no appreciable change. The water is still hard and contains an inadequate amount of fluoride.

The following table shows the results of 37 samples of water sent to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination:—

Arundel Estate Supply:		<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Not satisfactory.</i>
South Stoke Well ...	...	2	0
Houghton Well ...	...	0	2
Offham Well ...	...	0	0
Swanbourne Lake Well ...	...	3	0
Brighton Corporation ...	...	2	0
Rustington Sea Estate Supply ...	...	2	1
Littlehampton U.D.C. Supply ...	...	2	0
Worthing Corporation ...	...	10	0
Individual Wells ...	...	9	4

The unsatisfactory samples were investigated and dealt with as necessary.

The Parish of Houghton will have had its last year of unsatisfactory water as the mains supply from the North West Sussex Joint Water Board should be completed during 1958 and the inhabitants should then have a pure supply.

The following table gives details of the water supply in each Parish:—

WATER SUPPLIED:—

<i>Parish</i>	(a) <i>Direct to house</i>	<i>Population</i>	(b) <i>By means of stand-pipes</i>	<i>Population</i>	(c) <i>Wells</i>	<i>Pop.</i>
Angmering	813	2,154	0	0	4	11
Burpham	70	186	0	0	0	0
Clapham	85	225	0	0	7	19
Coombes	9	24	0	0	11	29
East Preston ...	1,021	2,706	0	0	29	77
Ferring	1,132	3,000	0	0	38	101
Findon	438	1,162	0	0	3	8
Houghton	39	104	0	0	5	13
Kingston	106	281	0	0	17	45
Lancing	4,615	12,321	0	0	11	29
Lyminster	89	236	0	0	7	19
Patching	70	186	0	0	13	34
Poling	51	135	0	0	3	8
Rustington	1,712	4,537	0	0	17	45
Sompting	1,639	4,343	0	0	43	114
South Stoke ...	17	45	0	0	7	19
Warningcamp .	57	151	0	0	1	3
Total :	11,963	31,796	0	0	216	574

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Western Area

The sewerage system serving the Parishes of East Preston, Angmering, Rustington, Kingston and Ferring, discharges to the sea through storage tanks at Kingston on the ebb tide at a point 500 yards below high water mark and functioned satisfactorily throughout the year. The sewage from this area is passed through the system by means of ejectors and pumping stations, and upon reception at the Works is screened and chlorinated.

Eastern Area

The system at Lancing has proved satisfactory throughout the year. The chlorination plant now permanently installed has resulted in no nuisance arising from the discharged sewage.

Sewer Extensions

The following extensions have been made to existing sewers during the year:—

Sea Lane Gardens, Ferring	...	254 yards.
Church Road, Lyminster	...	167 yards.

Sewers vested in the Council:—

East Preston	...	The Ridings	...	579 yards and 154 yards
		The Roystons	...	428 yards.
Ferring	...	Wookyi Tipi		
		Estate off Sea		
		Lane	...	156 yards.
Kingston Gorse Estate	Sewers	...	...	960 yards.

Re-Drainage Schemes

The re-drainage scheme for the Poling Council Houses had not been commenced by the end of the year.

The proposed sewerage schemes for the Parishes of Houghton and Findon had also not been commenced.

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) House Refuse

This is carried out weekly in the coastal Parishes and Angmering, Findon, Clapham, Patching and Lyminster, and in the remaining Parishes twice-monthly.

The work is carried out by the use of seven rear-loading and two side-loading collection vehicles of modern design, together with one van for the collection of waste paper and other salvage, and three lorries for general work in connection with the disposal of pulverised refuse from the Depot.

The beach litter collection service instituted in 1956 was again operated with satisfaction to all concerned, no complaints being

received throughout the summer when nuisances previously arose from this source.

Refuse is disposed of by transporting it from all parts of the District to the Depot at Halewick Lane, Sompting, where it is sorted, salvageable material recovered and the residue pulverised, and tipped either within the Depot grounds or in a small chalk pit at Dankton Lane, Sompting.

(b) Cesspools

The cesspool emptying service has continued to operate successfully throughout the year.

4. RIVERS AND STREAMS

It has not been found necessary for any action to be taken in respect of pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

5. SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There are two Swimming Pools in the District situated respectively at the Lido and Ravenscroft Hotel, Broadmark Lane, Rustington. The Pool at Ravenscroft Hotel was out of use for the major portion of the year. Both chemical and bacteriological samples of water in the Lido pool submitted for analysis were found to be satisfactory.

6. SCHOOLS

No. of County Schools in the District	...	...	12
No. with Public Water Supply	...	...	12
No. with water closets (separate pedestal)	...	...	11
No. with earth closets	...	...	1

There are several private schools in the district, all of which have satisfactory sanitation and water supplies.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA. SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Houses under Housing Act	...	...	...	...	109
Housing Act re-inspections	...	...	...	...	982
Houses inspected for overcrowding	...	...	...	...	95
Houses under Public Health Acts for defects	...	...	...	...	117
Public Health Act re-inspections	...	...	...	...	347
Premises under Public Health Acts for nuisances	...	...	...	...	515
Animals' premises	...	...	...	...	29
Complaints investigated	...	...	...	...	193
Water tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	...	...	...	...	56

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	6,289
Number of Camping Sites inspected	...	...	...	74
Number of Moveable Dwellings inspected	...	...	...	65
Visits to obtain samples of water	...	...	...	56
Visits for interview with Owner, Agents, etc.	...	...	...	452
Refuse Tips and Public Cleansing	...	...	...	835
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	710
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	63
Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	7
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	431
Meat Shops, Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	305
Fish Shops	...	...	...	96
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	69
Restaurants	...	...	...	129
Smoke Abatement	...	...	...	7
Building Inspections	...	...	...	2
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	39
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	336
Cowsheds	...	...	...	3
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	30
Bakehouses	...	...	...	27
Factories where Mechanical Power is used	...	...	...	128
Factories where Mechanical Power is not used	...	...	...	14
Workplaces and Offices	...	...	...	19
Outworkers' Premises	...	...	...	24
Shops Act	...	...	...	134
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	176
Rag Flock Act	...	...	...	3
Schools	...	...	...	5
Total number of inspections made				12,971

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED AS A RESULT OF CONDITIONS FOUND AT THE ABOVE INSPECTIONS

	Notices served	Notices complied with	Notices outstanding
(a) Statutory			
1. (i) Demolition Orders made under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	5	17	23
(ii) Demolition Orders where house made fit under Sec- tion 24 of Housing Act, 1957	0	1	0
2. Under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Nuisances).	2	2	0
3. Under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	1	1	0

	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>	<i>Notices outstanding</i>
4. Under Section 155 of the Housing Act, 1936 (Notice to quit)	2	0	2
5. Under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Notice of refusal to grant licence) ...	1	0	1
6. Under Section 50 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Cesspools) .	0	0	1
7. Under Section 83 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Verminous Premises)	0	1	1
8. Under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	2	2	0
9. Under Section 30 of the Water Act, 1945	0	1	0
10. Under Sections 13, 106/108 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955	2	0	2
(b) Preliminary			
1. To execute works under the Housing Acts	56	58	94
2. To abate overcrowding ...	2	1	4
3. To execute works under Public Health Acts	49	55	100
4. To abate nuisances	163	158	95
5. To remedy contraventions of Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	776	772	15
6. To abate contraventions at Moveable Dwellings	3	4	4
7. To abate contraventions at Camping Sites	0	1	2
8. To abate contraventions at Food Premises	67	63	66
9. To remedy contraventions at Bakehouses	3	3	2
10. To abate contraventions of Factories Act	9	21	9
11. To abate contraventions at Workshops and Offices ...	1	1	3
12. To abate contraventions of Shops Acts	6	2	14
13. To abate contraventions of Petroleum Acts	19	25	6
14. To abate contraventions at Animals' Premises	0	0	5

	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>	<i>Notices outstanding</i>
15. To abate contraventions of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947	0	0	2
16. To abate contraventions at Verminous Premises	9	8	9
17. To abate contraventions of the Water Act, 1945	0	0	3
18. To abate contraventions of the Milk & Dairies Regulations ...	1	0	1
19. To abate contraventions of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Sec. 102) (Smoke Abatement) ...	2	1	1

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Houses demolished	33
Houses redrained to Council's sewer	20
Cesspools abolished	15
Houses redrained defective	26
Houses where drains repaired	19
Intercepting traps provided	21
Ventilation shafts fixed and repaired	23
Inspection chambers constructed	66
Inspection chambers repaired	14
Obstruction removed from drains	29
Cesspools emptied and cleansed after Notice	13
Lengths of water main renewed	1
Additional W.C.s constructed	39
Defective W.C. pans and traps renewed or repaired ...	5
W.C.s provided with flushing cisterns and water supply .	3
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	4
Houses provided with new cesspools	12
Earth closets abolished	20
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	26
Wells cleansed and repaired	2
Houses provided with mains water supply	2
Additional water taps provided	32
Houses provided with sinks	24
Defective sinks renewed or repaired	13
New sink waste pipes provided or old repaired	30
Rooms stripped, cleansed and redecorated	187
Ceilings stripped, cleansed and redecorated	187
Windows repaired	185
Windows provided or enlarged	42
New sashcords fixed	11

Fasteners and stays provided to windows ...	...	...	99
Rooms where wall plaster repaired ...	...	...	173
External walls repaired ...	...	...	75
Floors repaired or renewed ...	...	...	104
Ceilings provided or repaired ...	...	...	42
Stoves and fireplaces repaired or renewed ...	...	...	36
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed ...	...	...	40
Rooms where dampness remedied ...	...	...	67
Accumulations of refuse removed ...	...	...	22
Paving to yards repaired or renewed ...	...	...	36
Roofs repaired ...	...	...	56
Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters repaired or renewed .	...	...	74
Verminous premises disinfested ...	...	...	5
Refuse receptacles provided ...	...	...	84
Food stores provided ...	...	...	34
Houses provided with filtered rainwater supply ...	...	...	4
Sewage installations provided ...	...	...	1
Coppers repaired or renewed ...	...	...	4
Rooms ventilated ...	...	...	14
Sculleries provided ...	...	...	7
Underfloor ventilation provided ...	...	...	9
Staircases renewed or repaired ...	...	...	10
Handrails provided ...	...	...	19
Electric lighting provided ...	...	...	19
Bathrooms provided ...	...	...	38
Fuel stores provided ...	...	...	27
Hot water services provided ...	...	...	27
Doors repaired or renewed ...	...	...	66
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	19
Total ...	...	...	2,315

Factories Act, 1937

1. Inspections

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	35	14	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ...	78	128	2	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	0	0	0	0
Total ...	113	142	2	0

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of floors .	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:—					
(a) Insufficient	—	2	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	10	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	1	—	—	—
Other offences .	4	15	—	—	—
Total ...	12	29	—	—	—

Most of the defects which were remedied were outstanding at the beginning of the year. At the end of the year there were 9 Notices still outstanding.

There are 20 Outworkers in the district.

Shops Act, 1950

No. of shops in the district	...	...	...	...	496
No. of inspections of shops	...	...	...	...	134
No. of shops where contraventions found	...	...	...	...	6
No. of shops where contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	1

Contraventions remedied:—

Sanitary conveniences provided	...	...	...	...	0
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	1

Workplaces and Offices

No. of Workplaces	...	...	...	...	117
No. of Offices	...	...	...	...	48
No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	19
No. of contraventions found	...	...	...	...	1
No. of contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	1

Moveable Dwellings

Seventy-four visits were made to Camping Sites and 65 to individual Moveable Dwellings.

There are eight commercial sites in the District with accommodation for 679 caravans. Each of these sites is fully provided with all the amenities normally expected, that is to say, sanitary annexe comprising baths, washbasins, water-borne sanitation, clothes washing facilities and drying areas, metalled roadways, hard standings for caravans, ample water points from the public mains supply, and in some cases, additional amenities in the form of canteens and games rooms.

In addition to the above there are four smaller sites providing accommodation for 11 caravans, and 44 single sites whereon there are stationed individual caravans. Thus the total number of caravan accommodation in the District is 734 in all.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

No infestations were found during the year.

Clean Air Act, 1956

Three complaints have been received respecting smoke nuisance during the year, and it was possible to secure abatement in the case of one. In the others, in which a Brick Works is concerned, the trouble arose from the type of kiln in use, and despite the co-operation of the owner, it has not been possible to secure permanent abatement.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	...	1
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	1
Number of contraventions found	...	...	...	...	0

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of premises registered	...	...	...	...	1
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	3
Number of contraventions found	...	...	...	...	0

Mosquitoes

Routine inspections of ditches and watercourses revealed no nuisances of this nature.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Department was very active in this connection and the following is a table of the work carried out:—

No. of inspections made	...	...	...	...	1,261
No. of reinspections made	...	...	...	...	5,028
Complaints made by the public	...	...	...	...	604
Infestations found as a result of above	...	...	...	...	601
Infestations found by the Public Health Department	...	...	...	...	170
Total number of premises where nuisances found	...	...	...	...	771

Premises where nuisances remedied:—

Rats: Reservoir	...	...	0
Major	...	...	0
Minor	...	...	670
Mice: Major	...	...	0
Minor	...	...	88
TOTAL	...	...	758
No. of block control operations (2 or more premises)			132
No. of joint operations reported to West Sussex Agricultural Executive Committee	...	...	1

Summary

Total number of rats found dead	...	...	737
Total number of mice found dead	...	...	798

SECTION D

HOUSING

Waiting List for Housing Accommodation

Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1957	...	...	...	...	557
Total number of applications received during 1957	...				238
Total number families re-housed during 1957...	...				163

New Houses erected during 1957

During the year 543 houses were erected, 498 by private enterprise, 43 by the Local Authority, and two by West Sussex County Council.

The number of new Council houses erected since the war, up to the end of 1957, was 1,023, bringing the total Council house and flat accommodation up to 1,624.

Summary of Council Properties as at 31st December, 1957

	<i>Pre-War</i>	<i>Post-War</i>	<i>Total</i>
Four Bedroom Houses ...	42	52	94
Five Bedroom House ...	1	—	1
Three Bedroom Houses ...	430	591	1,021
Two Bedroom Houses ...	113	150	263
Three Bedroom Flats ...	—	51	51
Two Bedroom Flats ...	—	74	74
One Bedroom Flats ...	—	4	4
Bed-Sitter Flats ...	—	6	6
Two Bedroom Bungalows ...	—	24	24
USA Prefabs—two bedroom ...	—	18	18
Aged Persons Bungalows ...	8	52	60
Aged Persons Flats ...	—	—	—
Miscellaneous ...	8	—	8
	602	1,022	1,624

The position of the pre-war Council houses is as follows:—

478 are without adequate means of domestic hot water supply.

370 of these have baths and bathrooms, the hot water for which is heated either on the cooker or by means of gas or solid fuel copper and carried by bucket.

85 houses are without baths and domestic hot water supply.

Only 25 pre-war Council houses have wash hand basins.

Overcrowding

During the year two new cases of overcrowding were reported and one was abated, the latter involving nine people. At the end of the year there were still four overcrowded dwellings, involving four families and 37 persons.

Unfit Houses Programme

A further 18 houses were added to the list so that at December 31st, 1957, the total programme comprised 509 houses, as follows:—

Number of houses to be dealt with under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	32
Number of houses where undertakings accepted ...	88
Number of houses rendered fit	116
Number of houses where Closing Orders made ...	2
Number of houses where Demolition Orders served...	40
Number of houses where action deferred until sewer available	11
Number of houses where action temporarily deferred	22
Number of houses where action in progress	92
Number of houses awaiting inspection	100
Number of houses Committee resolved no further action to be taken	6
TOTAL	509
Number of houses closed	4
Number of houses demolished	31
Number of above houses where Improvement Grant made	43

Rural Housing. Improvement Grants

Since the completion of the works in respect of the first house where improvement grant was made, 57 houses have been improved with the assistance of grant. Work is in progress at 10 other premises.

The value of the works of improvement and repair required to bring the houses up to the standard laid down was £15,935. 17s. 3d. during the year, of which sum the amount of grant made in respect of these houses was £5,320.

Set out below is the present state and classification of the houses included within the scope of the Rural Housing Survey as at December 31st, 1957.

PARISH	No. of houses at or below £30 R.V. TOTAL	CATEGORIES:—				
		1	2	3	4	5
Angmering	617	292	116	209	31	28
Burpham	50	8	9	33	23	5
Clapham	89	51	9	29	9	4
Coombes	18	0	3	15	7	3
East Preston	507	294	118	95	11	6
Ferring	575	245	241	89	38	5
Findon	294	—	167	127	31	10
Houghton	42	—	13	29	12	12
Kingston	22	6	4	12	—	2
Lancing	3747	1542	462	1743	31	25
Lyminster	79	8	15	56	15	17
Patching	71	19	18	34	21	2
Poling	53	15	8	30	18	6
Rustington	874	286	318	270	3	0
Sompting	1582	1147	365	70	17	17
South Stoke	22	1	4	17	10	5
Warningcamp	55	20	15	20	2	3
Total :	8697	3934	1885	2878	279	150

*Categories:—

1. Satisfactory in all respects.
2. Minor defects.
3. Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.
4. Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.
5. Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense.

SECTION E

FOOD

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

(1) The number of food premises in the area is as follows:—

Dairies	...	...	10
Bakehouses	...	...	15
Grocery and Provisions			76
Greengrocers	...		25
Fish Shops	...	...	11
Meat Shops	...	...	21
Cafes and Restaurants			61
Hotel Kitchens	...		59
Confectioners	...		54
Ice Cream Premises			107 (actually selling Ice Cream)
Licensed Premises	.		30
TOTAL			469

(2) (a) The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act is as follows:—

Sale of sausages, cooked meats, etc.	18
Sale of meat pies, cooked ham	4
Preparation of preserved food for sale	1
Preparation of sandwiches and snacks, teas and light refreshments for sale	5
Preparation of cooked foods and fried fish for sale	5
Preparation of food for sale	7
Delicatessen shop	1
Sale of Ice Cream	144 (not all selling)
TOTAL	185

(2) (b) The number of Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949, is as follows ... 10

(3) The number of inspections of registered food premises is not kept separately; the number of inspections carried out at food premises is as follows:—

Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	431
Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	304
Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	96
Ice Cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	69
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	129
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	39
Other food premises	...	...	...	...	...	336
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	30
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	27
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	1,461

As a result of these inspections, contraventions were found at 60 premises, and were found to have been remedied at 63 premises, including some from the previous year.

(4) Meat condemned as unfit for human consumption at the only slaughterhouse in the district is disposed of for manufacturing purposes.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD MILK

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

Number of Milk Distributors registered	...	...	9
Number of Premises registered as Dairies	...	...	10
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk	...	...	5
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Tuberculin Tested" milk	...	...	7
Number of Supplementary Licences to retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk within the District	...	...	3
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail "Pasteurised" milk	...	...	16
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Pasteurised" milk	...	...	18
Number of "Supplementary" licences to retail "Pasteurised" milk within the District	...	...	3
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail "Sterilised" milk	...	...	26
Number of "Supplementary" licences to retail "Sterilised" milk within the District	...	...	1
Number of inspections made:—			
(1) Cowsheds	...	...	3
(2) Milkshops and Dairies	...	...	30
(3) Vehicles	...	...	1
Number of contraventions of the Regulations found	...	...	1
Number of contraventions remedied	...	...	0

Report on Samples of Milk taken during the year

	No. taken by other Local Authorities	Animal Inoculation Test for Tuberculosis	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Attested	13	13	0
Tuberculin Tested ...	37	37	0
Total	50	50	0

For the third year running again much time was spent in collecting quarter-samples from cows at the same farm where *Brucella abortus* had been isolated from milk in the previous years. The number of samples taken was 60. Again the milk had to be heat treated, but during the year the production of milk at this farm ceased and no further trouble is expected from this particular source.

ICE CREAM

The control of the sale and manufacture of Ice Cream under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947/52 again proved generally satisfactory.

No. of premises registered for manufacture	1
No. of premises registered for manufacture and sale .	15
No. of premises registered for retail only	129
No. of inspections of premises where Ice Cream sold	69

Of the 45 samples taken:—28 were Grade 1; 14 were Grade 2; 3 were Grade 3.

MEAT

All actual slaughtering of animals for human consumption is centralised in one slaughterhouse in this district. These premises comply with standards laid down for premises used for this purpose, and during the year additional equipment has been installed to facilitate the work.

The Public Health Inspectors have carried out the meat inspection with a high degree of efficiency so that the Public can feel satisfied that the meat leaving the slaughterhouse is most unlikely to be diseased. In doing this work the Inspectors frequently work many hours outside their normal working day.

The arrangements made with respect to the disposal of carcasses of diseased animals and offals continue satisfactorily, this being done by sale to Fertiliser or Soap Manufacturers, and the value refunded to the owner.

Carcases inspected and condemned

The following table is a summary of the number of animals killed and the amount of meat surrendered:—

	Cattle, excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	577	5	370	1385	1830	0
Number inspected	577	5	370	1385	1830	0
<i>All diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci—</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	6	2	6	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	77	1	1	75	99	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticerci	13.51%	40%	1.89%	5.55%	5.73%	0
<i>Tuberculosis only—</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	1	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	2	0	1	18	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.17%	40%	0	0.07%	1.03%	0
<i>Cysticercosis—</i>						
Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcass submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

Continued inspections of deliveries of meat to shops were carried out. The total weight of meat found to be unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

Affected with Tuberculosis: Bovine	71 lbs.
Pigs	316 lbs.
Sheep and Lambs	1½ lbs.
Affected with other diseases: Bovine	2,602 lbs.
Pigs	292¼ lbs.
Sheep and Lambs	1,133 lbs.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops

No. of Slaughterhouses in the District	3
No. of Slaughterhouses licensed	1
No. of Inspections at Slaughterhouses	431
No. of Meat Shops in the District	21
No. of Inspections at Meat Shops	304
No. of Vehicles inspected	1
No. of Notices served for contravention of Byelaws .	1
No. of Notices complied with	2

Knacker's Yard

The Knacker's Yard in the district continues to operate satisfactorily and the standard of cleanliness, equipment, and structural condition is well maintained.

BAKEHOUSES

All Bakehouses in the District have been inspected at least twice, and all were very clean and satisfactory.

No. of Bakehouses in District	...	...	...	...	15
No. underground	...	...	...	...	0
No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	27
No. of vehicles inspected	...	...	...	...	2
No. of Notices served for sanitary defects	...	...	...	...	3
No. of Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	3

OTHER FOODS

Foods diseased, unsound, etc., other than under Meat Regulations:—

No. of parcels of food surrendered	...	...	...	27
No. of seizures	...	...	...	0

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were surrendered:—

Smoked Ham	...	...	...	14 lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	6 stone.
Miscellaneous Tinned Foods	...	...	...	316 lbs. 5¼ ozs.
Miscellaneous Foods	...	...	...	5 lbs. 7½ ozs.
Tinned Milk	...	...	...	34½ pints.
Sausages	...	...	...	6 lbs.

SHELL FISH

There are no shell fish beds or layings in the District.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases

	Und. 1 year	1—2	3—4	5—9	10—14	15—24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	—	2	3	4	3	—	2	14
Whooping Cough ...	3	9	10	17	—	—	—	39
Ac. Poliomyelitis:								
Paralytic ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
Non-Paralytic ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	2	21	21	64	3	1	2	114
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	11	13
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ac. Encephalitis ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	3
Typhoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	5
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	13	17
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	14	1	—
Whooping Cough ...	39	1	—
Measles ...	114	1	—
Pneumonia ...	13	1	—
Food Poisoning ...	5	—	—
Dysentery ...	1	—	—
Ac. Encephalitis ...	3	3	—
Ac. Poliomyelitis ...	2	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	17*	17	—
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—

* All the cases were notified from Zachary Merton Hospital, one being a resident of Worthing Rural District.

IMMUNISATION

During the year 274 children completed a full course of primary immunisation against Diphtheria, and 92 children received a reinforcing dose.

The yearly notifications of Diphtheria since the inauguration of the Rural District in 1933 are shown below:—

1933	12	1942	0
1934	43	1943	0
1935	28	1944	2
1936	4	1945	1
1937	17	1946	3
1938	16	1947	0
1939	24	1948	1
1940	4	1949	6
1941	6	1950-57	0

From this result you may wonder if immunisation is still necessary. The answer is most definitely Yes. If we had all our children unprotected the chance of Diphtheria occurring and spreading rapidly would be quite considerable and a risk we cannot afford to take.

It may be that in a few years Poliomyelitis will be conquered in a similar way. In 1957 it was a case of only some of the children registered for vaccination being protected.

Unless there are medical contraindications, such as urticaria and asthma, vaccination against Smallpox should be carried out in infancy and repeated at intervals. To-day vaccination of infants usually causes little disturbance and re-vaccinations if done at short intervals cause no trouble at all.

Food Poisoning

Five cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year. Four of the cases were in one household and were probably caused by infected ham.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
45	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Totals	4	3	1	—	3	1	—	—