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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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March, 1974

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been asked by the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Services to try and produce a brief final report for the District.

The following abridged report covers what information the Chief Public Health Inspector and I have been able to produce at very short notice in the present climate of reorganisation.

There were no outstanding health problems during 1973. The major work in progress to improve the environmental conditions was the construction of the long sea outfall at Littlehampton, which eventually should considerably improve the aesthetic position as far as the sea is concerned.

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.



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I have been asked by the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Hygiene to send you a copy of the report for the year.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year. It is hoped that you will find it of interest.

There was an increase in the number of cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever. The epidemic of influenza was also very severe. The mortality rate was high.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John G. ...

Medical Officer of Health

In the Department of Health and Social Hygiene,  
Central Board of Health, London (W.C.)





WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1973

Area	29,809 Acres	
Estimated resident mid-year population		51,840
Estimated product of penny rate		£64,790
Population - Census 1971		50,384
Number of inhabited houses		22,369
Rateable value		£6,600,076

Vital statistics of births and deaths and Principal causes of death not yet available.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Under 1 year	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	TOTAL
Infective jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	-	12	29	-	-	2	43
Meningococcal Infection	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	4	1	-	-	5
Rubella	1	18	22	10	3	111	65
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	6	4	-	1	11
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>129</b>

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1.1.73 Cases on Register	17	6	-	2	25
Primary Notifications 1973	1	1	-	-	2
Transfers to the District	2	-	-	-	2
Total	20	7	-	2	29
Removed from Register: Two recovered & one died	2	1	-	-	3
31.12.73 Cases on Register	18	6	-	2	26

General Provision of Health Services in the Area was similar to that in 1972.

WELLSVILLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1917

Estimated mid-year population 25,600  
 Estimated product of penny rate 21,040  
 Population - Census 1911 20,384  
 Number of inhabited houses 22,369  
 Rateable value 28,600,076

Vital statistics of births and deaths and principal causes of death not yet available.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Under 15 years					Over 15	Total
	Under 1 year	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24		
Intestinal Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hepatitis	-	12	22	-	-	43	43
Paratyphoid	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Scarlet fever	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
<b>Total</b>						<b>129</b>	<b>129</b>

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Disease	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1.1.17 Cases on Register	17	6	-	2	25
Primary Notifications 1917	1	1	-	-	2
Transfers to the District	2	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>
Removed from Register	2	1	-	-	3
Two removed & one died	18	6	-	2	26

General Provision of Health Services in the Area was similar to that in 1916.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER:

Bacteriological Results

	No. of samples	No. showing Coliform organisms in 100 ml.	No. showing E. Coli in 100 ml.	No. showing Coliform absent in 100 ml.
<u>Raw Water:</u>				
<u>BURPHAM:</u>				
Borehole No.2	242	226	192	16
" No.3	181	168	162	13
" No.4	163	161	158	2
<u>Treated Water:</u>				
<u>BURPHAM:</u> No.2 taken at Burpham				
	225	6	2	219
<u>BURPHAM:</u> No.2 taken at Littlehampton				
	248	nil	nil	248
<u>BURPHAM:</u> Nos.3 & 4 taken at Burpham				
	209	2	1	207
<u>BURPHAM:</u> Nos.3 & 4 taken at Patching				
	233	0	0	233
<u>SOMPTING</u>				
	252	0	0	252

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE:

(a) Western Area

The new Littlehampton/Western area main drainage scheme is proceeding satisfactorily and the new two mile sea outfall has been laid. Work is proceeding satisfactorily on the construction of the new pumping stations and mains.

(b) Eastern Area

The report by consulting engineers has been approved. At the moment design details are being worked out with a view to submission to the Department of the Environment.

(c) Outlying Parishes

Crossbush, Lyminster and Burpham

The new proposed main drainage scheme for these parishes will probably commence in 1975/6.

Poling

It is proposed that this is the next parish to be sewered.



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### (a) House refuse collection

Refuse is collected weekly from all parishes in the District. The free collection of bulky household refuse is a most valuable service and is being continued as is the opening of the depots at Sompting and East Preston seven days a week for the benefit of the householder to deposit refuse during normal working hours.

### (b) Refuse disposal

Minor modifications have been carried out to the new plant at Halewick and it is now operating very successfully.

### (c) Amenity Service

This has proved a very successful service incorporating as it does the cleansing of public conveniences and certain streets, together with a free drain cleaning service for private dwellings. During the year two women have been taken on to assist with this service and they have proved most successful and the standards of services provided by them is very high.

### (d) Cesspools

The cesspool emptying service has been modified and a Work Study Incentive Bonus Scheme implemented, which has resulted in a planned cycle of emptying on a fixed time basis without the necessity of the householder making a request.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS

An unfortunate accident occurred during the year, whereby the main trunk sewer taking the drainage from Lancing and Sompting was fractured at Worthing Borough's Hygiene Unit.

As a result of this, it was necessary to pump the crude sewage from the overloaded pumping stations into a stream at Lancing. The proper cleansing of the ditches and streams was carried out when the repairs were completed.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937/61

Fifty-seven visits to factories were made during the year.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

All newly registered premises received a general inspection and the reinspection of existing premises was carried out on a rota basis. Seventy premises were inspected for the first time and 65 were reinspected.

## CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

During the year 76 abandoned vehicles were removed and disposed of from various parts of the district.

## CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

Sixty inspections were made of premises coming within the scope of this Act. Seven excessive emissions were noted and contraventions remedied at nine premises. There were four notifications of boiler installations, which were received and recorded.





NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

Inspections were carried out at 78 premises. Contraventions were found at four and the number of premises where contraventions were remedied was two.

PETROLEUM ACTS 1928 and 1939

During the year 154 inspections were made to premises where petroleum is stored to ensure that the requirements of the Acts, Orders and Regulations had been complied with. Contraventions were found at 11 premises and these have been remedied at 14 premises. (This figure includes some from 1972)

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Rats and Mice

The number of inspections and reinspections made during the year was 2,842.

HOUSING

Improvement and Standard Grants

The number of applications for improvement and standard grants approved during the year was 17 and 11 respectively.

The total number of houses which have been reconditioned since the grant system was first initiated is 471.

The number of houses found not reasonably fit for human habitation was	11
The " " " rendered fit formally	" 11
" " " demolished voluntarily	" 1
" " " improvement grants completed during the year was	19
" " " standard " " " " " " "	10

FOOD

Two prosecutions were taken during the year under the relevant Food and Drugs Act, with the following results:-

Milk containing foreign matter	£25 fine + £10 costs
Cake " " "	£25 " + £10 "

