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ANNUAL REPORT

of

The Medical Officer of Health

for

✓ ALDERLEY EDGE
CHEADLE AND GATLEY
and WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICTS



and

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

The Chief Public Health Inspectors

For the Year 1957



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CHEADLE.

30th November, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the Alderley Edge, Cheadle and Gatley, and Wilmslow Urban District Councils.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my report of the work done and conditions in the three sanitary districts for the year ending December 31st, 1957.

The Report is, as always, drawn up on the lines recommended by the Minister of Health on whose instructions and to whom these reports are made. The Report is again a joint one, as this has been found to be most valuable, but too much stress should not be laid upon individual figures.

There was no Maternal Death in any of the districts during 1957. The Infant Mortality in Alderley Edge was nil as last year, and this offsets the rather high Mortalities during the previous years.

The statistics of all three districts are comparable with those of similar residential districts in other parts of the country. In 1956 attention was drawn to the number of deaths from cancer. In 1957 there is a reduction in the number of deaths in both Cheadle and Gatley and Wilmslow in spite of the increase in population.

The reports of the Public Health Inspectors are given after my Report and continue to show satisfactory conditions. Special attention has been given during the year to work on the preparation and handling of food stuffs.

I thank all the Public Health staff and also the Clerks, Treasurers and Surveyors of the various Councils for their co-operation. I much appreciate the help of the members of the various Health Committees.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID G. ANDERSON,
Medical Officer of Health

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
THE REPORTS OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS
FOR THE THREE URBAN DISTRICTS OF
ALDERLEY EDGE, CHEADLE & GATLEY AND
WILMSLOW

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(At 31st December, 1957)

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G. H. LANCASTER, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector :

F. D. BRINDLE, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

All the Public Health Inspectors hold the Certificate of the Royal Society of Health for the inspection of meat and other foods.

Clerical :

Joint with Divisional Health Committee.

Medical Officer's Office :

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COUNCIL OFFICES, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE
(Tel. ALDerley Edge 2150)

GREEN HALL, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE
(Tel. Wilmslow 2275)

Social Conditions : Whilst all three districts are in the main of a residential character, there is a small amount of industrial development in the north east corner of Cheadle, while a considerable area of Wilmslow is rural in character particularly around Styal which is unlikely to alter. Alderley Edge is entirely residential.

	Alderley Edge	Cheadle and Gayley	Wilmslow
Area (in acres)	710	5,299	7,694
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population (mid 1957)	3,740	35,130	21,370
Census Population (April 9th, 1951)	3,689	31,508	19,531
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1957) according to rate books	1,236	12,500	6,078
Rateable value (end of 1957)	£52,611	£489,837	£288,281
Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)	£210	£1,922	£1,154

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR
(after correction for inward and outward transfers as furnished by the Registrar-General).

	Alderley Edge			Cheadle and Gayley			Wilmslow		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Live Births									
Total	41	16	25	578	293	285	339	184	155
Legitimate	40	16	24	554	280	274	327	174	153
Illegitimate	1	0	1	24	13	11	12	10	2
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	11.0			16.5			15.9		
Adjusted birth rate	10.3			17.00			16.1		
Still Births									
Total	1	1	0	20	15	5	3	0	3
Legitimate	1	1	0	20	15	5	3	0	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	23.8			33.5			8.7		
Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population									
Deaths (all causes)									
Total	51	24	27	401	209	192	192	103	89
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	13.6			11.4			9.2		
Adjusted death rate	12.2			11.4			10.6		
Deaths (Maternal)									
Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still)	Nil			Nil			Nil		
Deaths of Infants under one year of age									
Total	0	0	0	10	6	4	6	6	0
Legitimate	0	0	0	9	6	3	6	6	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.									
All infants per 1,000 live births	0			17.3			17.7		
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births	0			16.2			18.0		
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	0			41.7			0		

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIAL CAUSES.

	<i>Alderley Edge</i>	<i>Cheadle & Gatley</i>	<i>Wilmslow</i>
Cancer (all ages)	7	66	28
Measles (all ages)	—	—	—
Whooping cough (all ages)	—	—	—
Influenza (all ages)	—	2	—
Pneumonia (all ages)	2	11	3
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary (all ages)	—	1	—
Tuberculosis—Other	—	1	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	5	—
Other Accidents	1	3	2

COMPARISON WITH ENGLAND AND WALES.

	<i>Birth Rate</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>Infant Mortality</i>	<i>Maternal Mortality</i>
Alderley Edge Urban District ...	10.3	12.2	—	—
Cheadle & Gatley Urban Dist.	17.0	11.4	17.3	—
Wilmslow Urban District ...	16.1	10.6	17.7	—
England and Wales	16.1	11.5	23.0	—

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) Staff.

A list of staff is given at the beginning of the Report.

Duties :—

The Medical Officer of Health is restricted from private practice and is Medical Officer of Health for the three districts, which also form the area covered by the Cheadle and Wilmslow Divisional Health Committee and by the Executive Committee for Education of the Cheshire County Council ; the Medical Officer of Health being Divisional Medical Officer to both these Committees.

Public Health Inspectors.

In Alderley Edge the Public Health Inspector who is also Rodent Officer is part-time, but employed solely by the Authority. This arrangement has been found to work satisfactorily.

In Cheadle and Gatley the Senior Public Health Inspector is also Rodent Officer, Hackney Carriage Inspector and Inspector under the Petroleum Acts. There are two additional Public Health Inspectors.

In Wilmslow, the Senior Public Health Inspector is also Rodent Officer, is responsible for the removal and disposal of house refuse, and is Inspector under the Petroleum Acts. There is also an additional Public Health Inspector.

(b) Laboratory Facilities.

The Regional Public Health Laboratory at Monsall carries out the greater part of the work for this area. A collection service is available at Sharston Ambulance Station from Monday to Friday. A small amount of work is still dealt with by the Pathological Department of the Stockport and Buxton Hospital Management Committee.

The examinations done at the Public Health Laboratories are for the ascertainment and control of infectious diseases and the examination of foods bacteriologically.

(c) Hospitals.

There are in the district three Hospitals, one is Barnes Hospital, which is a subsidiary to the Manchester Royal Infirmary ; Cheadle Royal Hospital which is for the reception of mental cases and is an excepted Hospital, although there are a number of National Health service beds ; and Alderley Edge Cottage Hospital which comes under the Macclesfield & District Hospital Management Committee.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(a) Water Supply.

I am indebted to Mr. T. Dearden, the Water Engineer at Stockport for the following information :

- (1) The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory (a) in quality (b) in quantity.
- (2) Bacteriological examinations were made monthly of the raw water and weekly of the treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory. Chemical analyses were made monthly of the raw and treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory.
- (3) The water is chemically treated to prevent plumbo-solvent action, with satisfactory results. The chemical analyses are dealt with in (2) above.
- (4) The water is stored in impounding reservoirs, treated by mechanical filtration plant and subsequently chlorinated.

With reference to the water supply in Wilmslow, when it is necessary to use boreholes the water is mixed with water from the upland surfaces supplies and this will continue to be done until a softening plant is available at these works.

(b) Drainage and Sewerage.

Alderley Edge—With reference to the Joint Sewage Disposal Works between Alderley Edge and Wilmslow, approval in principle has been obtained from the Minister but the necessary authority to commence the work has not yet been obtained.

Cheadle and Gatley—The Cheadle Hulme outfall sewer completed in 1957 has relieved the surcharging of the sewers and made provision for the considerable development in the area. Work has also been carried out on the Councillor Lane area surface water drainage.

Bacteriological Examination.

	<i>Goyt Valley</i>	<i>Kinder</i>	<i>Lyme Park</i>	<i>Wilmslow</i>
Aerobic micro-organisms growing in yeastral agar	No. of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water
in 3 days at 22°C.	0	0	0	0
in 2 days at 37°C.	0	0	1	0
Bacteria associated with sewage or faecal pollution	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.
Bacterium coli				
Probable number of coli-aerogenes bacteria per 100 c.c. of water	nil	nil	nil	nil
Report	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

Chemical Examination

Reaction—pH value	7.61	7.47	7.33	7.68
Colour in 2 ft. glass tube				
Hazen solution p.p.m. pt. ...	5	10	4	11
Turbidity—Silica Standard—p.p.m.	1.0	4.9	0.1	0.8

	Parts per million	Parts per million	Parts per million	Parts per million
Total Solids dried at 110°C. ...	—	—	—	—
Suspended Solids dried at 110°C. ...	—	—	—	—
Free Acidity as CO ₂	3.0	3.3	2.8	6.4
Free Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	—	—	—	—
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	16.1	14.1	21.7	137

Hardness				
Carbonate hardness	16	14	22	137
Non-carbonate hardness	26	20	41	2
Total	42	34	63	139
Combined Chlorine (Cl ₂)	12.5	10.5	16.5	27.5
Nitrates—Nitric Nitrogen as N ₂ ...	0.44	0.40	0.44	0.20
Nitrites—Nitrous Nitrogen as N ₂ ...	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002
Free and Saline Ammonia as N ₂ ...	0.029	0.046	0.028	Nil
Albuminoid Ammonia as N ₂	0.104	0.042	0.024	0.046
Oxygen absorbed test, 4 hours at 27°C.	0.88	0.80	0.56	0.32
Iron in solution as Fe	—	—	—	—
Total Iron as Fe	—	—	—	0.62
Manganese as Mn	0.03	0.03	0.14	Nil
Silica (SiO ₂)	4.3	5.0	5.1	8.1
Alumina Al ₂ O ₃	0.80	1.36	0.11	0.27
Alumina as Sulphate of Alumina ...	5.6	9.5	0.8	1.9
Lead as Pb taken up in second 24 hours	0.56	0.5	0.17	0.45
Fluoride as F.	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.12

Reports :	This water is satisfactory	This water is satisfactory	This water is satisfactory	This water is satisfactory
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Wilmslow—During 1957 work was commenced on the re-building at the Northern Sewage Disposal Works and for the new sewer in the northern water shed. The works of surface water drainage in the southern water shed were continued.

(c) Public Cleansing.

In Alderley Edge a weekly collection has been maintained. In Cheadle and Gatley a weekly collection has been maintained except at holiday periods. In Wilmslow the collection is now weekly.

(d) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The reports of the Senior Public Health Inspectors of all three districts are given at the end of this Report.

SECTION D. HOUSING.

Existing Houses.

Work on these continues and a commencement has been made on the Slum Clearance Programme.

New Houses (completed since the war) are :

Alderley Edge	...	...	...	...	272 Houses
Cheadle & Gatley	...	...	...	...	3049 Houses
Wilmslow	...	...	...	...	1708 Houses

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

As reported previously all three areas are now "Specified Areas" and therefore no milk other than designated milks can be sold and the sampling results have been good.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

There is no change in the methods of dealing with meat.

(c) Adulteration, etc.

This is the responsibility of the Food and Drugs Authority, i.e., the County Council, and I am indebted to Mr. Stacey Hallard, the Chief Inspector of the County Weights and Measures Department for the following information :—

		<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Reported Against</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Reported Against</i>
		1957		1956	
Alderley Edge					
Milks	...	6	Nil	6	Nil
Other	...	5	Nil	2	Nil
Cheadle and Gatley					
Milks	...	57	3	41	Nil
Other	...	39	3	18	1
Wilmslow					
Milks	...	34	Nil	26	2
Other	...	25	Nil	12	Nil

Details of Samples Reported against.

No samples were reported against in either Alderley Edge or Wilmslow.

In Cheadle, two samples of milk were found to be genuine but abnormal. One sample of Jersey milk was found to be 2.5% deficient in milk fat and the Producer was cautioned. Two samples of Pork sausage were found to contain undeclared sulphur-dioxide preservative. The samples were informal and formal from the same seller who was prosecuted and fined £2.0.0 and £2.10.0 costs.

Other samples reported against were Quinine Compound Tablets. The Tablets themselves were found to correspond to the declaration on the label, but the statement on the label, i.e., "Rapid Quinine Compound Tablets kill 'flu' and cold germs" was misleading and not in accordance with scientific knowledge. This was old stock and the Manufacturers, when cautioned, replied that the matter had already received attention and they enclosed a new (and satisfactory) label which they were now using.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(a) The following cases were notified during the year :—

		<i>Alderley Edge</i>		<i>Cheadle & Gatley</i>		<i>Wilmslow</i>	
		<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>
Scarlet fever...	...	—	—	10	10	9	9
Whooping Cough	...	1	1	13	13	10	10
Measles	...	23	23	136	136	180	180
Pneumonia	...	2	2	8	8	2	2
Respiratory Tuberculosis	...	3	3	10	10	13	13
Other Tuberculosis	...	—	—	1	1	1	1
Food Poisoning	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	...	—	—	4	4	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	...	—	—	—	—	23	23
Erysipelas	...	—	—	1	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	1	—	—	—

The dysentery cases were almost all at one school none were serious and the type was Sonn .

(b) Tuberculosis.

During the year 1957 there were notified for the first time the following cases of tuberculosis :

	<i>Pulmonary</i>			<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Alderley Edge	3	—	3	—	—	—
Cheadle and Gatley	7	3	10	—	1	1
Wilmslow	8	5	13	1	—	1

The incidence of Primary Tuberculosis in the district keeps very constant.

SECTION G.

Factories Act, 1937.

The following are those portions of the return made under Section 128 (3) for which there were figures recorded :—

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :—

<i>Premises</i>		<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Ins- pections</i>	<i>No. of written notices</i>	<i>Owners Prose- cuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.					
	A.E.	—	6	—	—
	C. & G.	72	97	8	—
	W.	30	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.					
	A.E.	23	33	5	—
	C. & G.	97	85	10	—
	W.	85	44	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).					
	A.E.	—	—	—	—
	C. & G.	17	21	—	—
	W.	15	2	1	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found :—

<i>Particulars.</i>		<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred by H.M. Ins- pector</i>
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ...				
	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	3	3	—
	W.	4	4	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Unsuitable or Defective				
	A.E.	5	5	—
	C. & G.	15	15	—
	W.	3	2	—
(b) Insufficient... ...				
	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	—	—	—

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Alderley Edge—5

Cheadle and Gatley—Nil

Wilmslow—15

SECTION H.

ACTION UNDER SECTION 47, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was found necessary during the year.

SECTION I.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.

I am indebted to Mr. B. K. Barber for the following information regarding the Blood Transfusion Service. Although no longer a duty of the Local Health Services, it was started in conjunction with them and Mr. Barber draws attention to the valuable work done by the voluntary organisers in the area and I would like to corroborate this.

During the year the following sessions were held :

Alderley Edge	...	...	2 sessions,	248 blood donations
Wilmslow	...	...	12 „	1525 „
Cheadle & Gatley	...	8 „	768 „	„

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1957.

				<i>Alderley Edge</i>		<i>Cheadle and Gatley</i>		<i>Wilmslow</i>	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	—	1	3	1	2	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	2	—	11	2	8	—
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	—	—	—	6	—	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	—	—	—	7	—	—
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	...	...	3	1	13	20	6	6
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	—	—	2	1	—	—
16.	Diabetes	...	...	—	—	—	2	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system...	...	...	2	8	30	40	18	15
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	3	4	53	21	20	14
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	—	1	6	6	2	2
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	3	7	25	23	8	24
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	2	1	15	18	5	6
22.	Influenza	...	...	—	—	—	2	—	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	1	1	5	6	2	1
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	3	—	8	6	7	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	—	—	5	2	2	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	—	—	3	2	—	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	—	—	2	1	3	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	—	—	1	1	1	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	1	—	—	—	1	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	1	—	5	—	2	—
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	2	2	12	19	15	10
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	—	—	5	—	—	—
34.	All other accidents	...	...	1	—	1	2	1	1
35.	Suicide	...	...	—	1	2	3	0	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
ALL CAUSES				24	27	209	192	103	89

ALDERLEY EDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Alderley Edge Urban District Council.*

Mrs. Bickmore, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the work done by the Public Health Inspector's Department for the year 1957.

The branches of the work have been placed under separate headings and comments made where necessary.

I wish to thank you for the consideration which you have given me and I also thank the Officials of the Council for their help during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. A. BARKER,

Public Health Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Total No. of Inspections and Revisits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Dwellings :					
P.H. Acts	15	2	2	1	1
Housing Acts	226	7	7	—	—
Food Premises :					
Ice Cream Premises ...	10	—	—	—	—
Provision Shops ...	37	3	3	—	—
Butchers' Shops ...	34	8	8	—	—
Fried Fish Shops ...	14	1	1	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ...	19	2	2	—	—
Bakehouses	11	1	1	—	—
Greengrocery and Wet Fish	16	2	2	—	—
Other Food Premises ...	20	5	4	—	—
General :					
Infectious Diseases ...	11	—	—	—	—
Schools	7	—	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances ...	6	2	2	—	—
Shops Act	24	—	—	—	—
Dairies and Milk Shops	33	—	—	—	—
Factories Act	39	5	5	—	—
Outworkers	5	—	—	—	—
Drainage... ..	5	3	3	—	—
Flooding	—	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	89	4	4	—	—
Rag Flock Act	2	—	—	—	—
Pet Shop	3	—	—	—	—
Ashbins	13	3	3	—	—
Slaughter of Animals Act	6	—	—	—	—
General Nuisances ...	21	1	1	—	—
Totals	666	49	48	1	1

HOUSING

During the year arrangements were made to acquire 6 houses which were substandard condition, these houses will be demolished. The occupants were being rehoused in the existing Council houses. Demolition orders were also served on two other houses.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

(1) There are in the Urban Area, the following premises where food is prepared, stored and sold :

Bakehouses	...	...	...	4
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	5
Cooked Meat Manufacturers...				6
Fried Fish and Chips Shops	...	...	...	3
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	4
Ice Cream Dealers	...	...	...	10
Ice Cream Makers	...	...	...	1
Office Canteen Kitchens	...	...	...	2
Restaurant Kitchens	...	...	...	3
School Kitchens	...	...	...	4
Provision Shops	...	...	...	15
Fish and Greengrocery	...	...	...	3
Greengrocery	...	...	...	1

During the year all food premises were routinely inspected under the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations and all the actions taken under the Regulations were of an informal nature.

(2) Food Surrendered and Condemned

Fifty-six articles of Food with a total weight of 132 lbs. were condemned. The disposal of all condemned food was at the Council refuse tip where it was either burned or buried.

(3) Bacteriological Examination of Ice Cream

No. of Samples	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
8	6	2	nil	nil

There is one manufacturer of ice cream in the district ; the remainder of the dealers sell products manufactured by various firms.

The above-mentioned laboratory gradings can be treated as satisfactory.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Five dairy farms situated in the Urban Area are under the supervision of the Milk Production Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Biological samples of milk taken in the course of distribution in the area were submitted for examination for tubercular infection ; all the samples proved to be negative.

The number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations are as follows :—

Retail Distributors	...	...	10
Milk Shops	...	...	3

The number and designation of the licences under the Milk Regulations, 1949, are as follows :—

Dealers' Licences :

Sterilised	...	...	2
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	2
Pasteurised	...	...	1

Supplementary Licences :

Sterilised	...	...	2
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	3
Pasteurised	...	...	4

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

Class of Milk	No. of Samples	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test		Turbidity Test		Laboratory Examination
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Failure
Heat treated	14	10	—	12	—	—	—	2

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Class of Milk	No. of Samples	Negative	Positive	Void
Raw Designated	...	5	4	1

RAG FLOCK.

There is one registered factory in the area to which the Act applies and this factory has been inspected.

RODENT CONTROL.

One trained part-time operative is employed and he uses methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The infestations were, with one exception, chiefly of a minor character.

The Council receive a 50% grant of approved expenditure from the Ministry.

The following table gives details of the work done by the Rodent Operator during the year.

<i>Type of Property</i>	<i>No. of Properties infested by Rats</i>	<i>No. of Properties seriously infested by Mice</i>	<i>No. of Treatments Undertaken</i>
Owned by Local Government	9	—	26
Dwellings	13	—	36
Business Premises ...	2	16	37
Agriculture Premises	—	—	—
Totals ...	24	16	99

SHOPS INSPECTION

As Sanitary Authority, this Council is responsible for the enforcing of the provisions concerning Heating, Ventilation and Sanitary Conveniences, of the Shops Act, and during the year shops were inspected for this purpose.

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the area are supplied from the Stockport Corporation mains, except a small-holding which has water hand pumped from a well.

There are no stand pipes in the area.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The Refuse Disposal is by controlled tipping on a suitable site in Windmill Wood, "The Edge", a weekly collection is maintained.

SALVAGE.

54 tons 12 cwts. of salvage was sold during the year giving an income to the Authority of £409. 10s. 2d.

CHEADLE & GATLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
19, High Street,

Cheadle.

September, 1958.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Cheadle & Gatley Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1957.

I have the honour to present my annual report on the work of the Public Health Inspectors for the year 1957.

This report is drawn up on the basis of the recommendations of Circular 1/1958, issued by the Ministry of Health, as to the information to be supplied in the annual reports.

Three of the four slaughterhouses in the area have been particularly active during the year, though there has been a diminution in the evening and weekend slaughtering.

I desire to express my thanks to Mr. A. Riley and Mr. W. Nixon, and other members of the Council's staff with whom I have come into contact, for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. HAYES,

Senior Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

<i>Nature of Inspections</i>	<i>No. of visits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Houses Inspected under Public Health Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	195	67	60	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	176	35	35	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	309	—	—	—	—
Houses Inspected under the Housing Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	96	14	14	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	136	—	—	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	201	—	—	—	—
General					
Infectious Disease	36	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	10	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds	68	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries	10	—	—	—	—
Smoke Observations	33	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences	10	—	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces...	197	12	12	—	—
Shops all types	476	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Acts	76	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	87	—	—	—	—
Places of Public Entertainment, Public Houses, etc.	112	5	6	—	—
Verminous Premises	47	—	—	—	—
Drainage	312	87	87	—	—
Slaughterhouses	635	—	—	—	—
Hairdressers	36	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	3258	220	213	—	—

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year considerable work has been carried out by the Council's Rodent Operative. A free service is available to the occupiers of all dwelling houses, and the occupiers of business premises are always anxious to co-operate in giving the Operative free access to examine and treat the premises—if found necessary. All business premises pay for these treatments, and large works are dealt with under annual agreements.

The sewerage system in the district has remained particularly free from infestation. Whenever extensions to the sewers have been made on new housing estates tests have been carried out with a view to checking as to whether infestation of the sewers could take place from the surface, or, alternatively, if surface infestation was taking place from the sewers. In all cases the results have been negative.

There were no serious cases of major infestation of either rats or mice in any part of the district.

The following table is a statistical record, as supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in accordance with their requirements :

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agri- cultural	All other premises (including Business and In- dustrial)	
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1956 as a result of					
(a) Notification ...	10	265	0	36	311
(b) Survey under the Act	3	0	0	8	11
(c) Otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose	6	663	18	289	958
Total Inspections carried out including re-inspections ...	The complete figures are not available				
Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by					
(a) Rats : Major ...	0	0	0	0	0
Minor ...	11	261	0	36	308
(b) Mice : Major: ...	0	0	0	0	0
Minor ...	2	4	0	8	14
Number of infested properties treated by the Local Authority...	13	265	0	44	322
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	58	595	0	132	785

Disinfestation :

Several properties have been treated for the elimination of minor pests such as fleas and cockroaches. In each case commercial preparations were used and were found to be effective.

In addition to the above there have been numerous cases reported of wasps nests in the vicinity of houses, and these have been neutralised and removed successfully by the Council's Pests Officers.

Meat, Milk and other Foods.

The number of premises, and mobile vehicles in the district which are concerned with the sale of all types of food and drink is as follows :—

Ice Cream Manufacturers and retailers	...	...	...	40
Milk Distributors (excluding farmer producers)	...	...	...	25
Catering Establishments	...	...	...	14
Confectioners (including bakehouses)	...	...	...	27
Grocery and provisions	...	...	...	67
Butchers	...	...	...	29
Fishmongers	...	...	...	7
Fish and Greengrocery	...	...	...	22
Greengrocery only	...	...	...	11
Fish and chip shops	...	...	...	9
Licensed premises (including clubs)	...	...	...	32
Food Hawkers	...	...	...	16

As regards the last item in the above table, food hawkers have been registered under the Cheshire County Council Act 1953. There are various types, ranging from greengrocery to fishmongers and butchers. Food hawkers who have shops in the area do not come within the provisions of this Act.

Frequent inspections are made at the food premises listed above including hawkers vehicles. There have been no difficulties up to the present in asking the proprietors to comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

There are no Clean Food Guilds in the area, but from time to time if informative circulars etc., have been received from the Ministry, information of use to the retailers has been extracted from these circulars and distributed to the shop managers.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations :

It will be noted that there are forty registered ice cream dealers in the area. There are, of course, others who come into the district. Of the forty, two are manufacturers, the remaining thirty-eight purchasing their commodities from well-known national manufacturers. Six samples of ice cream were taken during the year, all of which came within Group I.

Milk & Dairies Orders:

Attached hereto is a table setting out the number of samples of milk procured during the year, and the results obtained. As this area is now within a specified area only pasteurised, sterilised, tuberculin tested, and certified milk may be sold in this district. There are three pasteurising establishments, and they are all well kept.

Foodstuffs.

The following table is a record of the foodstuffs for which Certificates of Voluntary Surrender have been issued during the year. There have been no special cases requiring the examination of particular stocks or bulk consignments.

Ox Tongues	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 tins
Sheeps Tongues	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Corned beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 tins.
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin.
Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 tins.
Ham	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Jellied Veal	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Pork	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin.
Chickens	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Cooked ham	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 lbs.
Assorted fruits	...	...	...	...	...	...	63 tins.
Assorted vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 tins.
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 tins.
Evaporated milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin.
Filleted cod	...	...	...	...	...	...	118 lbs.
Cream cheese	...	...	...	...	...	...	68 packets.

Slaughterhouse Work :

The following statistics are a record of the numbers of animals slaughtered and inspected in the area, with the items condemned. The slaughterhouses in the area have been well maintained and kept in a clean condition. Generally speaking the quality of the animals slaughtered in the district is very high.

Total animals slaughtered during the twelve months ending 31st December, 1957

Oxen	...	...	...	...	...	619
Calves	...	...	...	...	...	24
Sheep and Lambs	...	...	...	...	...	5,128
Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	2,483

Oxen, or parts of oxen, condemned due to tuberculosis

21 plucks.
9 heads.
3 Livers.
3 sets of internal organs.

Pigs, condemned due to tuberculosis

77 heads.
63 plucks.
6 carcasses, complete.
1 carcass, complete with all organs.

Condemnation due to "Other Causes."

Oxen :	72 livers	...	...	...	flukes.
	3 sets of lungs	...	...	...	flukes.
	3 plucks	...	...	...	pneumonia.
Sheep :	127 plucks	...	...	...	flukes.
Pigs :	10 complete carcasses	...	...	...	swine erysipelas.
	3 complete carcasses and organs	...	...	...	swine erysipelas
	2 complete carcasses	...	...	...	emaciation.
	1 complete carcass	...	...	...	urticaria.
	2 complete carcasses	...	...	...	oedema
	1 complete carcass	...	...	...	jaundice.
	4 complete carcasses	...	...	...	toxaemia.
	90 plucks	...	...	...	pneumonia.
	9 hindquarters	...	...	...	fractured pelvis.
	2 plucks	...	...	...	pericarditis.
	6 hearts	...	...	...	pericarditis.
	5 legs	...	...	...	arthritis.
	6 hindquarters	abscesses and arthritis
	3 livers	sarcomas.
	4 kidneys	nephritis.

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Type of Milk	Total Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue (Keeping Quality)			Phosphate (Sufficiently Heat-Treated)			Tubercle Bacilli			Turbidity Test	
		Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Absent	Present	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Pasteurised ...	13	13	13	0	13	13	0	—	—	—	—	—
T.T. Pasteurised ...	16	16	16	0	16	16	0	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculin-Tested ..	9	9	9	0	—	—	—	9	9	0	—	—
Sterilised ...	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	0
TOTAL—All Milks ...	46	38	38	0	29	29	0	9	9	0	8	0

WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Public Health Department,

Green Hall,

Wilmslow.

May, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wilmslow Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report on the work carried out by your Public Health Inspectors for the year 1957.

The statistical information required by the Minister of Health is contained in the body of the report and there is no need for me to enlarge on the observations I have already made under the various headings.

In recent years there has been a steady increase in the amount of new and amending legislation which has added to the duties of the Public Health Department. With the coming into force of the Clean Air Act 1956, on the 31st December, 1956, and the Rent Act 1957 in July last, the year 1957 was no exception. Under the Clean Air Act, 1956 local authorities have been given greater powers to combat the smoke menace both in industrial and residential areas. A feature of the new Act is the power to make smoke control areas in residential districts, and preliminary steps have already been taken by the Council to obtain the approval of the Minister to the establishment of smoke control areas at two new estates which are to be erected at Handforth. The provisions of the Act which enable Councils to take action against the emission of dark smoke from any premises, including dwelling houses, do not come into operation until June 1958.

The Rent Act 1957 deals mainly with the revision of rents of controlled houses and the release from control of certain properties. These matters are not the direct concern of my department, but the revision of rents has caused a sudden increase in the number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair which have had to be investigated. In the last three months of 1957, 15 applications were received and notices issued, after the applications had been checked and the properties inspected.

There has been no change in the staff during the year and once again I should like to express my appreciation of the co-operation given by my staff and other officers during this period.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. H. LANCASTER,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

<i>Nature of Inspections.</i>	<i>No. of Visits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Housing.					
Houses inspected under P.H.A.	151	45	40	—	4
Re-inspections under P.H.A.	266	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	37	—	—	3	3
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	90	—	—	—	—
General					
Refuse Collection and Disposal	163	27	25	3	3
Infectious Diseases	238*	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	19	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds	31	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries ...	8	1	1	—	—
Smoke Observations ...	15	1	1	—	—
Public Entertainment and Public Houses	4	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences ...	2	1	1	—	—
Factories	31	7	6	—	—
Work Places	5	—	—	—	—
Shops Acts	5	—	—	—	—
Hairdressers and Barbers	8	1	1	—	—
Petroleum Acts	57	3	3	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	86	20	20	—	—
Special Visits	184	—	—	—	—
Insect Pests	8	2	2	—	—
Meat and Food Inspection.					
Slaughterhouses	223	2	2	—	—
Butcher's Shops and Stalls	16	2	1	—	—
Wet Fish Shops	10	1	1	—	—
Fried Fish Shops	5	1	1	—	—
Other Food Shops	23	2	1	—	—
Bakehouses	25	8	3	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ...	7	—	—	—	—
Ice Cream Premises ...	24	2	2	—	—
Dairies, Milk Shops and Distributors	166	1	1	—	—
	<u>1,899</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

*The unusually high number of visits in connection with Infectious Diseases was due to the outbreak of Dysentery in April, 1957.

COMPLAINTS.

The complaints registered during the year numbered 180, and are classified as follows :—

Defective Housing Conditions	...	...	...	7
Dampness	...	...	...	5
Choked and Defective Drains, Cesspools and Septic Tanks and Sewers	...	...	...	22
Insufficient or Defective Sanitary Accommodation				2
Insanitary Conditions of Ditches and Ponds	...			3
Flooding	...	...	...	5
Accumulations of Refuse	...	...	...	5
Offensive Odours	...	...	...	12
Smoke and Dust Nuisances	...	...	...	2
Unsound Food	...	...	...	7
Water Supply	...	...	...	2
Rats and Mice Infestation	...	...	...	78
Infestations by Flies, Mosquitoes, Ants, Wasps, etc.				10
Infestations by Rabbits, Moles and Foxes...	...			8
Keeping of Animals and Hens	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	6
				<hr/> 180 <hr/>

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

The following table shows the amount of spraying and fumigation undertaken in connection with the control of infectious diseases and verminous conditions :—

	No. of Premises	No. of Rooms Sprayed or Fumigated	Household Effects Treated Separately
Bed Bugs	—
Other Vermin	—
Infectious Diseases	—
Other Causes	—
	<hr/> 9 <hr/>	<hr/> 24 <hr/>	<hr/> — <hr/>

In addition to the above three Wasps' Nest were also destroyed on private property.

HOUSING.

Progress in connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme almost came to a stand still because of the pressure of other duties. One Demolition Order and two Closing Orders were made in respect of the following individual unfit houses, namely :—

“ Brix ”, Morley Green, Morley, Wilmslow.
No. 61 Manchester Road, Wilmslow.
No. 2 Mill Brow, Wilmslow.

During the year two houses, (Nos. 34 and 36 Church Road, Handforth) were demolished as the result of Demolition Orders made the previous year.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

The Oversley Ford camping site was re-licensed in December 1957 for a further period of 5 years and the number of caravans which may be stationed on this site at any one time was increased from 35 to 45.

With regard to a number of individual caravans sited in various parts of the district for residential purposes, steps are being taken under Town Planning legislation to reduce their numbers. Under the Public Health Act, 1936, nine licences were issued permitting individual vans on isolated sites to be used for residential purposes for short periods. No complaints were received in respect of any of these dwellings during the year.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Meat Inspection :

There is one licensed private slaughterhouse in the district which is situated at Morley Green, Wilmslow.

In order to maintain 100% inspection of all carcasses slaughtered at these premises, one Inspector has to devote a considerable part of his time to this important branch of the work.

The number of cattle, sheep and pigs slaughtered at Morley totalled 4,961 compared with 2,505 in 1956. The increase is largely accounted for by the slaughter of 2,364 sheep compared with only 15 the previous year but the number of cattle killed also increased over the previous year by 148.

The Ministry of Health ask for a tabular statement of meat inspected, to be given in the form set out in Circular 17/55, and this is re-produced herewith giving the required details:—

During the year two houses (Nos. 34 and 36 Church Road, Handsworth) were demolished as the result of Birmingham City Council's decision to demolish all one storey houses.

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The Overseas Ford camping site was re-licensed in December 1957 for a further period of 5 years and the number of caravans which may be stationed on this site at any one time was increased from 22 to 42.

With regard to a number of individual caravans sited in various parts of the district for residential purposes, steps are being taken under Town Planning legislation to reduce their numbers. Under the Public Health Act, 1936, these houses were licensed permitting individual vans or isolated sites to be used for residential purposes for short periods. No applications were received in respect of any of these dwellings during the year.

There is one licensed private slaughterhouse in the district which is situated at Morden Green, Wilmshurst.

In order to maintain 100% inspection of all carcases slaughtered in Great Britain, the Ministry of Health has to ensure a continuous flow of meat to the important branch of the food supply.

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RECORD OF MEAT INSPECTION FOR 1957.

	<i>Cattle Excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed (if known)	783	672	14	2,364	1,128	Nil
Number inspected	783	672	14	2,142	1,114	Nil
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	5	7	4	1	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	242	272	—	20	49	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ...	31%	41%	50%	1%	4%	Nil
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	11	—	—	2	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	39	205	1	—	35	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5%	32%	7%	—	3%	—
Cysticercosis :						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7	1	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	7	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

MEAT CONDEMNED.

Tuberculosis.

						<i>Weight</i>
Cattle						<i>lbs.</i>
				<i>No.</i>		
Whole Carcase and Offal ...	...	...	...	11		5,945
Part Carcases	...	...	...	6		560
Part Fore	...	...	...	1		26
Lungs	...	...	...	215		2,044
Heads	...	...	...	88		2,464
Livers	...	...	...	26		364
Brisket	...	...	...	1		15
Kidneys and Suet	...	...	...	10		39
Mesenteries and Intestines	...	...	...	17		540
Udders	...	...	...	2		20
Shank	...	...	...	1		1
Skirt	...	...	...	7		12
Calves						
Livers	...	...	...	1		10
Lungs	...	...	...	1		8
Pigs						
Whole Carcase and Offal ...	...	...	...	2		210
Plucks	...	...	...	9		33
Heads	...	...	...	30		364

Other Causes

Cattle	<i>Weight</i>		<i>Cause of Condemnation</i>
	<i>No.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	
Whole Carcase & Offal	6	3,190	Dropsy, Emaciation Septicaemia, Fevered, Odour
Part Carcase	1	8	Arthritis
Part Hind	2	142	Maceration, Fracture
Short Hind & Steak piece	1	140	Fracture
Part Flank & Flat ribs	2	30	Oedema
Part Suet	1	2	Abscess
Part Sirloin	1	10	Traumatic Injury
Brisket & Part Brisket	2	34	Bruising, Abscess
Skirt	8	15	Cysticercus Bovis, Contamination
Heart	5	19	Cysticercous Bovis
Udders	1	20	Mastitis
Kidneys	6	22	Hydro-Nephrosis, Nephritis, Calculi
Stomach	1	60	Peritonitis
Heads	26	688	Actino, Cysticercus Bovis, Abscess, Traumatic Injury

	Weight		Cause of Condemnation
	No.	lbs.	
Lungs	30	312	Congestion, Pleurisy, Abscess, Pneumonia Cirrhosis, Emphysema, Cysts, Distomatosis
Livers	507	8,322	Abscess, Cirrhosis, Cysts, Angioma, Necrosis, Decomposition, Peritonitis, Neoplasm, Distomatosis
Calves			
Whole Carcase & Offal	7	273	Fevered, Immaturity, Mori- bund, White Scour, Joint Ill
Pigs			
Whole Carcase & Offal	1	120	Acute Swine Erysipelas,
Heart & Lungs	21	138	Pneumonia, Decomposition, Pleurisy & Pericarditis
Plucks	9	58	Pleurisy, Peritonitis, Cirrhosis, Pericarditis, Pneumonia
Kidneys	8	3	Nephritis
Shanks	7	14	Arthritis
Part Flank	1	3	Abscess
Livers	12	42	Cirrhosis, Cysts, Deformity, Milk Spots
Sheep			
Whole Carcase & Offal	4	255	Septic Arthritis & Oedema, Moribund, Fevered
Flanks & Brisket	1	4	Bruising
Legs	2	10	Bruising
Kidneys	2	1	Cysts
Livers	17	29	Cysts, Contamination, Para- sites, Abscess, Peritonitis, Cirrhosis
Pluck	1	4	Congestion
TOTAL		10 tons 19 cwts. 69 lbs.	

Other Foods.

The following amounts of foodstuffs have been condemned as the result of complaints or routine inspections of food shops, necessitating the issue of 49 condemnation certificates.

Tinned and Preserved Food Condemned.

	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>
Fruit	30	9
Milk	7	8
Tomatoes	2	11
Meats	52	7
Vegetables	2	6
Baked Beans and Sausage	1	8
Spaghetti	—	8
Soup	—	10
	<hr/> 98	<hr/> 3

Other Food Condemned.

Cod Fillets	28	0
Cooked Hams	35	0
Liver	28	0
	<hr/> 91	<hr/> 0

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Food Hygiene Regulations.

Although a small number of inspections in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations were carried out during the year, it has not been possible to inspect all the premises in order to see that the Regulations are being complied with. From the following list it will be seen that there are 306 types of food businesses carried on in 166 premises, as follows :—

Grocers and Provision Merchants	...	58
Bakers and Confectioners	... ..	17
Bakehouses	... ..	15
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	... ..	14
Butchers	... ..	19
Fishmongers	... ..	8
Fish Fryers	... ..	4
Sweet Shops	... ..	20
Ice Cream Premises	... ..	48
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	...	25
Licensed Premises	... ..	19
Hotels and Boarding Houses	... ..	5
Non-Residential Clubs	... ..	7
Industrial and Staff Canteens	... ..	3
Kitchens preparing school meals	... ..	5
Schools serving school meals	... ..	9
Cooked Meats	... ..	25
Market Stalls	... ..	5
		<hr/> 306 <hr/>

MILK SUPPLY.

Distribution

The number of persons registered as distributors of milk and the number of dairies, other than dairy farms, are as follows :—

Distributors	... ..	28
Dairies	... ..	2

Sampling—Raw Milk

Tuberculin Tested Milk is the only raw milk which can be sold in the area. Sixty samples of this grade were taken and submitted to the statutory tests with the following results :—

Bacteriological Examination of T.T. Milk.

<i>Designation</i>	<i>From Retailers</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Experi- ments Spoilt</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculin Tested	... 60	51	9	—	60

Five of the 9 unsatisfactory samples were taken from the same farm which is situated outside the Urban District. The matter was reported to the County Milk Production Officer who investigated the cause and made certain recommendations, particularly with regard to the sterilisation of bottles. Subsequent samples proved to be satisfactory.

Heat Treated Milk.

The Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Heat Treated Milk has been sampled regularly and submitted to the statutory tests with the following results :—

		<i>From Local Pasteurising Plant</i>			
		<i>No. Taken</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Exp. Spoilt</i>
Pasteurised Milk.					
Methylene Blue ...	...	49	48	1	—
Phosphatase Test...	...	49	49	—	—

		<i>From Outside Sources</i>			
		<i>No. Taken</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Exp. Spoilt</i>
Pasteurised Milk.					
Methylene Blue ...	...	51	47	4	—
Phosphatase Test...	...	51	49	2	—

Sterilised Milk.					
Turbidity Test ...	...	3	3	—	—

The number of licences granted under the Special Designation Regulations were as follows :—

		<i>Dealer's Licences</i>	<i>Supplementary Licences</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculin Tested ...		9	7	16
Pasteurised ...	...	14	5	19
Sterilised ...	...	12	3	15

EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Many of the samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk were also examined for the presence of tubercle bacilli, but no positive samples were found as the following table shows :—

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES EXAMINED FOR TUBERCULOSIS

<i>Designation</i>		<i>No. of Samples Taken</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>
Tuberculin Tested	...	42	—	42

ICE CREAM

Almost all ice cream sold in Wilmslow is now supplied and manufactured by firms situated outside the area, the bulk of the ice cream being supplied by a few well-known firms of national repute.

A summary showing the results of the samples examined is given below :—

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Grade I</i>	<i>Grade II</i>	<i>Grade III</i>	<i>Grade IV</i>
Manufactured locally	—	—	—	—	—
Made elsewhere ...	23	13	3	5	2
	—	—	—	—	—
	23	13	3	5	2
	—	—	—	—	—

WATER SUPPLY

There was no change during the year in the number of premises not connected to a main water supply. There are still 18 premises in the urban district dependant upon wells or other sources of supply and these are situated in the following areas :—

<i>Ward</i>	<i>No. of premises Without Main supply</i>
Dean Row...	2
Handforth ...	2
Hough ...	6
Morley ...	8
Styal ...	—
	—
	18
	—

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

The following summary gives details in brief of the work performed by the Rat Catcher during 1957 :—

No. of premises surveyed	...	...	...	1,321
No. of premises treated	...	...	...	542
Methods employed :				
	No. of pre-baits laid	...		224
	No. of poison baits laid	...		4,034
	Cases where traps used	...		109
Results obtained : No. of bodies found				
	Rats	...		703
	Mice	...		284

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Only one licence was issued in respect of premises where animals are sold as pets, and in this case the shop was used very little for this purpose.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

The number of premises where the business of hairdresser or barber is carried on increased by one during the year, bringing the total number of premises registered to 23. It was not possible to inspect all these premises during the year, but no complaints were received in respect of this type of business.

The number of premises registered at the end of the year was :—

Ladies' Hairdressers	...	...	...	17
Barbers	...	...	...	6

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection

The average number of collections of refuse made from each house in 1957 was 47. An additional " Paxit " Refuse Collection Vehicle was put into service in May 1957. Apart from a driver, no extra men were employed as the refuse collectors to man this

vehicle were obtained by reducing the size of the gangs on the other vehicles. Better results were obtained by the use of the extra vehicle and smaller gangs while a full establishment could be maintained, but with the size of the gangs at the minimum, collections soon fell behind during periods of holidays, sickness and the shortage of staff for other reasons.

During December a 22-year old side-loading refuse freighter was taken off the road and scrapped. It will be replaced by a new vehicle early in 1958.

Disposal

A Bulldozer was put into use in July 1957 to deal with all house and trade refuse which is disposed of by tipping on land owned by the Council at Newgate. By the use of this equipment it was possible to save labour and the condition and appearance of the refuse tip were considerably improved.

Salvage

The reclamation of salvage from the house refuse was continued and the amounts of the various materials separated and sold were as follows :—

	<i>Weight</i>			<i>Value</i>		
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>lbs</i>	£	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Waste Paper, Books etc. ...	242	8	28	1,696	16	0
Ferrous Metals ...	76	9	57	512	14	2
Non-Ferrous Metals ...	—	12	56	37	1	2
Textiles ...	13	11	17	274	2	1
Rubber Tyres ...	—	8	56	2	15	0
Miscellaneous ...	—	—	63	3	15	8
	333	10	53	£2,527	4	1



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