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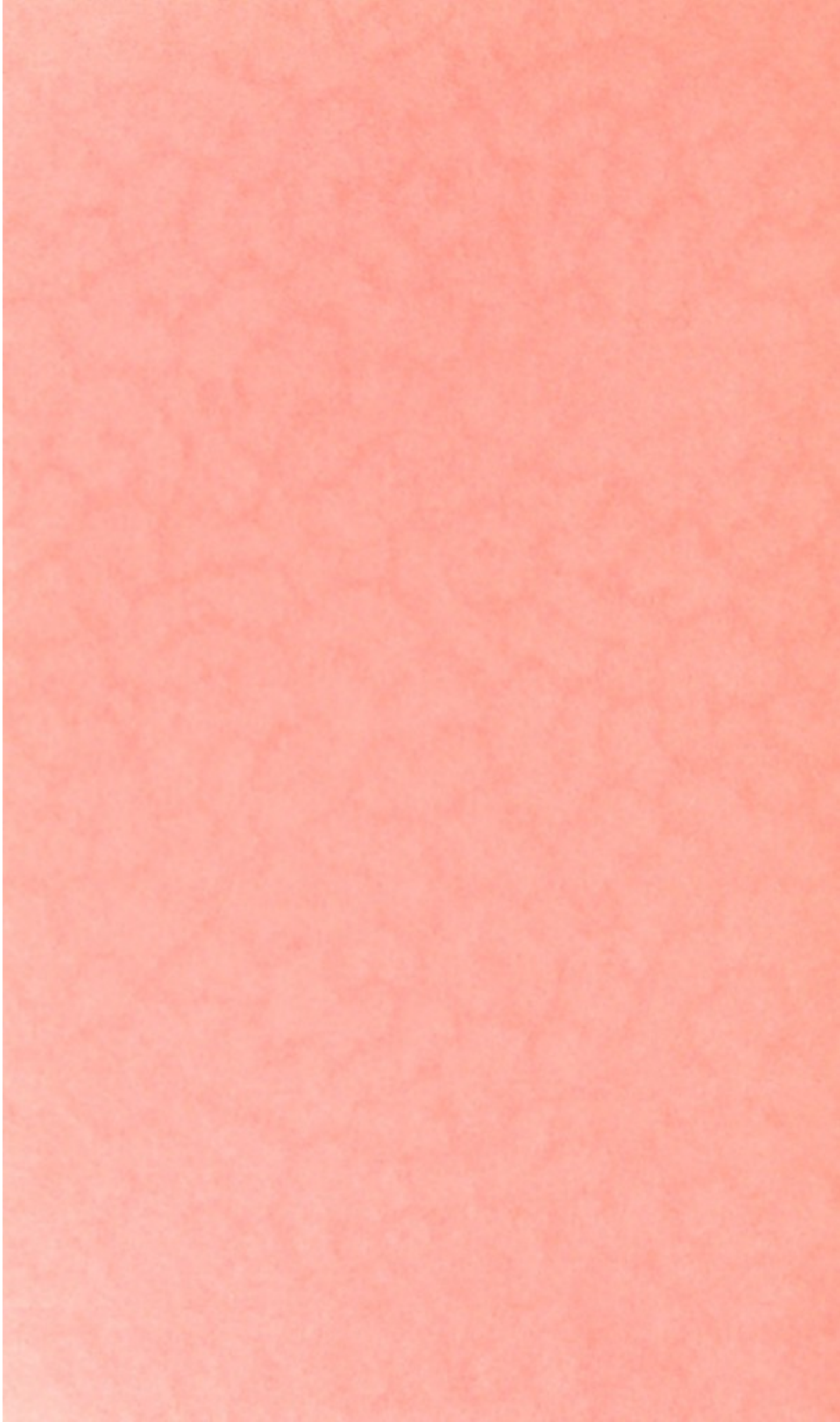
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TOWN HALL CHAMBERS,
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
**TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE**

MR. MAYOR, MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It gives me great pleasure to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for 1961—my twenty fourth report.

The Chief Public Health Inspector reminds us in his "Introduction" that the Psalmist's expectation of life was "three score year and ten". This target (as an average) has been achieved by the women, and the men are approaching it; the Registrar General's figure for 1960 was males 68.3, females 74.1 years.

If this is a reasonable span—and it would appear to be—one of our prime functions is to determine the numbers in our population who are not achieving it and to find out why.

This is a simple task—page 14, of this report gives the answer. Fifty seven per cent of males and thirty-five per cent of females die before their seventieth birthday.

In the case of males this represents 215 deaths, and half of these male deaths are attributable to one or other of the three causes :—

Coronary disease	48 deaths	} <i>All dying before age 70 years</i>
Bronchitis	36 deaths	
Cancer of the lung	19 deaths	

It is far from a coincidence that the cigarette is a proven contributor to death from all the above three conditions.

The Royal College of Physicians' report on *Smoking and Lung Cancer*, set out a full and unanswerable conviction of the cigarette as the main causative factor in the development of cancer of the lung, but they also had this to say about smoking and chronic bronchitis :—

"Patients admitted to hospital with chronic bronchitis have been found to be much heavier smokers than control patients of the same age and sex and it has been estimated that heavy smokers are five times more likely to be admitted to hospital with bronchitis than non-smokers."

With regard to Coronary disease and smoking, the Royal College of Physicians had this to say :—

"from Doll and Hill's investigations of British doctors a considerable increase in coronary death-rates with increasing tobacco consumption in men under 55 years of age, is shown."

and again :—

"these findings are similar to those of other recent studies, that the main association between smoking and coronary disease occurs during early middle life."

The trend of deaths from bronchitis is upwards—the table on page 16, shows that the figure of 60 male deaths for 1961 is the highest for over twenty years, whilst the figure of 27 female deaths is still very high.

The 22 deaths from lung cancer represent the highest percentage (34%) of deaths from cancer of the lung in relation to deaths from other forms of cancer.

The 118 deaths from coronary heart disease represent approximately one in every six deaths from all causes, and is on the upgrade.

In the face of this quite substantial and growing mortality associated with cigarette addiction, and an even greater morbidity reflected in sickness rates and hospital admissions, the Ministry of Health are completely lethargic and preventive medicine appears to be a poor second to *£ s. d.*

Your Committee are making remarkably good progress in eradicating the slums of Ashton—a first-class health measure—a review of progress report on the Slum Clearance Programme as it stands at the close of 1961, and prepared by the Town Clerk, is included in this report.

The incidence and mortality figures for Tuberculosis are not as good as they should be and a jump in the number of notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis from 20 in 1960 to 49 in 1961, hardly endorses the oft repeated remarks that the disease is on the way out.

The reason for the rise in incidence was no doubt due to a visit paid by the Mass Radiography Unit to the town early in the year, when quite a large number of new cases were brought to light.

It should be most strongly emphasised that the preventive aspect of tuberculosis control is still the most important aspect of the work and the search for new cases and unknown sources of infection, and their segregation is vitally important in lowering the incidence of the disease.

We are slowly moving out of the era when bad environment can be blamed for bad health into a more enlightened one when bad “health habits” are coming to be recognised as the really important factors in producing subnormal health, disease and early mortality.

“The cigarette”—“lack of exercise”—“excesses in food or drink” and a “badly adjusted personality”, are beginning to be recognised for what they are, prime causes of many diseases affecting middle life.

It seems a pity that our medical practitioner service had not been conceived in a manner which gave the private doctor unfettered independence of speech in advising his patients. Had this been the case I should have envisaged a decline in the medicine bottle and the antibiotic coupled with a chastened but wiser patient closing the door of his consulting room. Until this time arrives the great potential value of the general practitioner as an ambassador of good health will be dormant.

A section of the Chief Public Health Inspector's report deals with milk supply, the administration of the Food and Drugs Act and food hygiene ; it is perhaps appropriate to comment on the wider field of the increasing concern regarding chemical additives in food processing. No doubt the addition of small amounts of specified chemicals to retard spoilage or assist in manufacture are needed, provided these do not increase the risk to the consumer from toxic effects, modification of nutritional value, hypersensitivity or long term carcinogenic effect.

Now it is an unfortunate fact that in more instances than one the discovery that a chemical additive has harmful effects is never discovered until it has been in use for a considerable time.

The very rapid development of and dominance of the chemical industry coupled with the food manufacturer's increasing concern to prolong the " shelf-life " of many food products are a strong combination and one hopes that Ministries concerned will see that the safety of the consumer is adequately safeguarded.

My desk at present shows a list of 70 new products introduced within the last five years as " approved chemicals " for use in agriculture and food storage.

The multiplicity of chemical agents at present consumed in one's diet is very considerable, it is therefore surely reasonable to ask that regulations be made to prescribe declarations of " chemical additives " in food.

The year 1961 was not unduly troubled by infectious disease in the town—only two cases of poliomyelitis were reported, one paralytic and one non-paralytic. Full recovery with no residual effects resulted in both cases. The Lancashire County Council continue to provide many services ancillary to public health and a summary of these services is given on page 40 of this report.

The amount of voluntary work carried out in the town to " aid and abet " the official health services is quite considerable and it is a great pleasure to remind committees and the public of this large fund of voluntary work undertaken unobtrusively and with little publicity. The Maternity and Child Welfare Services in particular are regularly helped in their work by a group of ladies, the Ashton Maternity and Child Welfare Voluntary Association, and this help is much appreciated by the medical and nursing staff.

You Sir, in your capacity as Chairman of the Ashton Voluntary Old Persons Committee, know what an enthusiastic band of workers are behind you and the care and comfort of the old folk at home in the town is looked after in no small way by the voluntary committee and their helpers.

Finally it is a pleasure to record the help and assistance always given by Mr. Cooper, the Chief Public Health Inspector—who I regret to say, (at the time of writing) has left Ashton-under-Lyne for another post.

To the Chairman and members of the Committee I would acknowledge the help and support in the work at all times.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ALAN S. SIMPSON,

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

ACREAGE, POPULATION, PRIVATE DWELLINGS & RATES

Acreage 4,135 (1961 Census)

	Persons	Males	Females	Intercensal + or -	
				Numbers	Percentage
Population :					
1931 Census	51,537	24,239	27,334	164 +	0.3 +
1951 „	52,089	24,429	27,660		
1961 „	50,165	23,901	26,264	1,924 -	3.7 -
Private Dwellings :					
1951 Census	16,775	Intercensal increase of		973	5.8
1961 „	17,748				

1961 figures from Preliminary Census Report.

General rate for 1961	(in the £)	21/8d.
Rateable Value		£586,529
Sum represented by a 1d. rate		£2,297

Social Conditions of the Area

Ashton-under-Lyne is situated in the County of Lancashire, at the foot of the western slopes of the Pennines. Its highest point is 903 feet and its lowest 325 feet above sea level. The greater part of the town is situated between 330 and 340 feet above sea level.

The occupations are largely light engineering, cotton spinning, tool making, brewing and coal mining.

Of the 30—40 industries employing over 50 persons, a cigarette packing firm employs well over 1000 persons, whilst 5 firms have a roll between 250 and 1000.

16 firms employ between 100 and 250 employees whilst 16 employ between 50 and 100 persons.

VITAL STATISTICS

The following are the principal vital statistics for 1961, with the comparable figure for 1960 :—

	1961	1960
Estimated population	50,020	50,270
Comparability factor (a) Births	1.00	1.00
(b) Deaths.....	1.03	1.03
Births (Total live and still)	861	844
Births—live	846	830
—still	15	14
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	16.9	16.5
Birth rate as adjusted by factor	16.9	16.5
Deaths	769	728
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	15.4	14.5
Death rate as adjusted by factor.....	15.8	14.9
Infant deaths.....	16	18
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births.....	18.9	21.7
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	20	19
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—	75
Male infantile mortality rate	15	24
Female infantile mortality	22	19
Perinatal Mortality— (Stillbirth and first week deaths) (Total live and stillbirths)	29.0	28.4
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births	17.4	16.6
Maternal Mortality— Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	—	1
Mortality rate per 1,000 total births	Nil	1.18
Neo-natal Mortality— Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	10	13
Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	11.8	15.7
Tuberculosis rates per 1,000 population— (a) Primary notification—Respiratory .....	.98	.39
—Non-respiratory ..	.06	.02
(b) Deaths—Respiratory.....	.16	.12
—Non-respiratory.....	Nil	Nil
Deaths from cancer—all forms, including leukaemia	119	121
Death rate per 1,000 population from cancer— all forms, including leukaemia	2.38	2.41

TABLE I
VITAL STATISTICS (Registrar-General)

	Livebirths		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality		
	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	Rate per 1,000 live births
Ashton-u-Lyne Municipal Boro' Population Mid- Year, 1961 50,020											
Year 1961 ..	846	16.9	769	15.4	15	17.4	Nil	Nil	16	18.9	11.8
Year 1960 ..	830	*16.5	728	*14.9	14	16.6	1	1.18	18	21.7	15.7
Year 1959 ..	784	15.6	703	14.4	7	8.8	Nil	Nil	23	29	24
Year 1958 ..	796	15.7	750	14.8	38	45.6	Nil	Nil	20	25	18
Year 1957 ..	786	15.4	750	14.7	21	26	1	1.24	19	24	18
1957-1961 .. Average 5 years	—	16.0	—	14.8	—	22.9	—	.48	—	23.7	17.5

●Adjusted —live birth rate (comparability factor, 1.00) = 16.9 per 1,000.
 —death rate (comparability factor, 1.03) = 15.4 per 1,000.

TABLE II

**BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE and INFANTILE MORTALITY
1930-1961**

YEAR Col. 1	Popu- lation Mid- Year Esti- mate Col. 2	No. of Births Col. 3	Crude Birth- Rate Col. 4	No. of Deaths Col. 5	Crude Death Rate Col. 6	No. of Infan- tile Deaths Col. 7	Infan- tile Mor- tality Rate per 1,000 Col. 8	AVERAGE 5 YEARS		
								Birth Rate Col. 9	Death Rate Col. 10	Infantile Mor- tality Col. 11
1930	51,750	739	14.2	642	12.4	43	58	13.5	13.2	69.4
1931	51,840	765	14.7	711	13.7	53	69			
1932	51,040	690	13.5	697	13.3	58	84			
1933	50,540	634	12.5	704	13.9	41	64			
1934	51,573	645	12.8	645	12.8	46	71			
1935	50,220	620	12.3	705	14.0	41	66	12.7	14.7	65.0
1936	49,580	612	12.3	724	14.6	38	62			
1937	48,810	620	12.7	794	16.2	39	62			
1938	48,540	645	13.2	688	14.1	50	77			
1939	47,950	630	13.0	719	14.9	57	58			
1940	46,320	657	14.1	793	17.1	52	79	16.0	15.0	54.0
1941	45,950	669	14.5	696	15.1	49	72			
1942	45,040	687	14.9	632	14.0	27	39			
1943	44,490	804	18.0	684	15.3	39	48			
1944	44,310	830	18.7	605	13.6	30	36			
1945	44,270	720	16.2	670	15.1	30	41	18.5	14.3	43.0
1946	46,480	884	19.0	657	14.1	41	46			
1947	47,160	1,011	21.4	613	12.9	44	43			
1948	46,270	858	18.5	650	14.0	36	41			
1949	47,280	832	17.6	738	15.6	38	46			
1950	47,300	727	15.4	693	14.7	25	34	15.12	14.1	37.0
1951	45,960	731	15.9	700	15.2	30	41			
1952	45,720	645	14.1	643	14.1	27	42			
1953	45,230	697	15.41	606	13.4	17	24			
1954	49,530	735	14.8	660	13.3	32	44			
1955	51,210	724	14.1	714	13.9	18	25	15.2	14.3	26.2
1956	51,610	794	15.4	738	14.3	22	28			
1957	51,180	786	15.4	750	14.7	19	24			
1958	50,600	796	15.7	750	14.8	20	25			
1959	50,410	784	15.6	703	13.9	23	29			
1960	50,270	830	16.5	728	14.5	18	21			
1961	50,020	846	16.9	769	15.4	16	19			

TABLE III
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S
CAUSES OF DEATH
1961

No.	CAUSE OF DEATH	M.	F.	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	8	—	8
2	Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
3	Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
4	Diphtheria	—	—	—
5	Whooping Cough	—	—	—
6	Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
7	Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
8	Measles	—	—	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	11	15	26
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	22	2	24
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	11	11
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	3	3
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	31	24	55
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—
16	Diabetes	—	5	5
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	50	70	120
18	Coronary disease, angina	73	45	118
19	Hypertension with heart disease	5	14	19
20	Other heart disease	44	65	109
21	Other circulatory disease	10	16	26
22	Influenza	4	13	17
23	Pneumonia	22	19	41
24	Bronchitis	60	27	87
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	4	1	5
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	5
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—	—
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
31	Congenital malformations	2	2	4
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	17	38	55
33	Motor vehicle accidents	3	9	12
34	All other accidents	5	4	9
35	Suicide	3	3	6
36	Homicide and operations of war	2	—	2
Total ..		380	389	769

1961 BIRTHS

Sex and Legitimacy

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
LIVE—			
Legitimate	383	417	800
Illegitimate	18	28	46
Total Live Births	401	445	846
STILL—			
Legitimate	7	7	14
Illegitimate	1	—	1
Total Still Births	8	7	15

1961 DEATHS

<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
380	389	769

COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS, 1961

On page 10 are shown the chief vital statistics for the year as well as the corresponding figures for 1960.

Births and Infant Mortality

The 1961 live births were 16 more than in 1960 and stood at the figure of 846. As the number of deaths was 769, the natural increase of the population was 77.

The crude and adjusted birth rate both stand at 16.9 per 1,000 population.

There were no maternal deaths.

The infantile mortality rate was 18.9 as against 21.7 for 1960—Table IV, page 21, analyses the infant deaths by age and sex.

Deaths

There were 769 deaths in 1961 as against 728 in 1960, the crude rate being 15.4 and the adjusted rate 15.8 per 1,000 population.

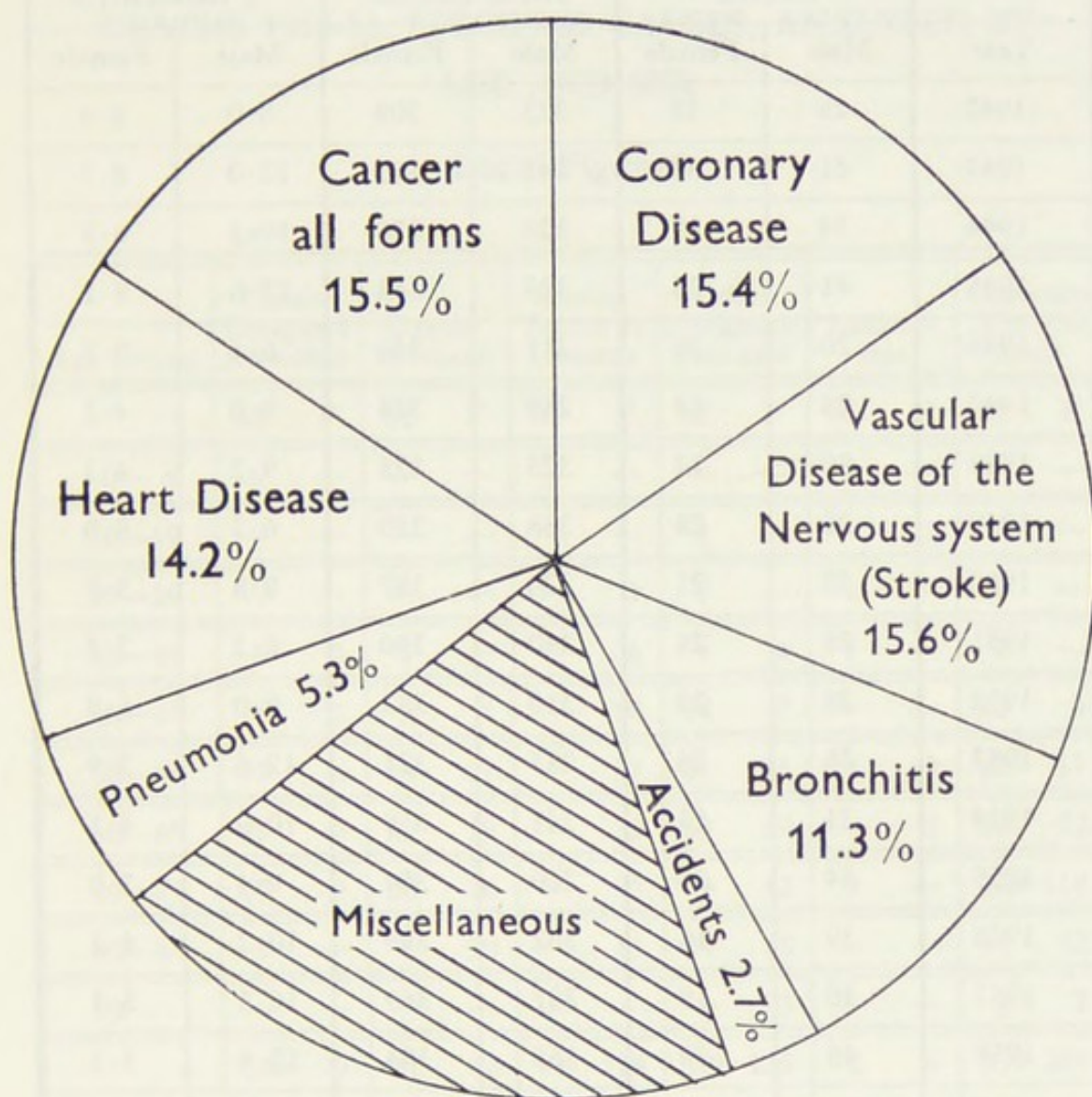
The causes of death are given in Table III, page 12, whilst the Table below shows in respect to the deaths occurring, the percentage number of them which had already occurred by each quinquennia.

AGE AND SEX ANALYSIS—DEATHS, 1961

Local Figures

AGE	MALES			FEMALES		
	No.	Cumulative % up to age stated	Cumulative % after age stated	No.	Cumulative % up to age stated	Cumulative % after age stated
0—	8	2.1	97.9	10	2.6	97.4
15—	2	2.6	97.4	—	2.6	97.4
20—	—	2.6	97.4	1	2.8	97.2
25—	—	2.6	97.4	1	3.1	96.9
30—	3	3.4	96.6	2	3.6	96.4
35—	4	4.5	95.5	2	4.1	95.9
40—	14	8.2	91.8	3	4.9	95.1
45—	11	11.1	88.9	5	6.2	93.8
50—	20	16.3	83.7	12	9.3	90.7
55—	37	26.1	73.9	12	12.3	87.7
60—	56	40.8	59.2	42	23.1	76.9
65—	60	56.6	43.4	46	35.0	65.0
70—	52	70.3	29.7	69	52.7	47.3
75—	50	83.4	16.6	73	71.5	28.5
80—	45	95.3	4.7	75	90.7	9.3
85—	16	99.5	.5	24	96.9	3.1
90—	2	100.0	—	12	100.0	—
	380			389		

Grouped causes of death 1961. Showing proportions



BOROUGH OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

1942-1961

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEATHS FROM BRONCHITIS

Year	BRONCHITIS DEATHS		TOTAL DEATHS		% BRONCHITIS	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1942	26	18	323	309	8.0	5.8
1943	41	30	341	343	12.0	8.7
1944	34	19	329	276	10.3	6.8
1945	41	28	325	345	12.6	8.1
1946	20	26	311	346	6.4	7.5
1947	23	14	289	324	8.0	4.3
1948	30	14	325	325	9.2	4.3
1949	26	28	388	350	6.7	8.0
1950	32	21	326	367	9.8	5.7
1951	28	26	340	360	8.2	7.3
1952	28	23	310	333	9.0	6.9
1953	36	26	285	321	12.6	7.9
1954	34	13	341	319	10.0	4.1
1955	34	25	360	354	9.4	7.0
1956	39	16	382	356	10.2	4.5
1957	40	19	381	369	10.5	5.1
1958	46	20	366	384	12.6	5.2
1959	31	23	349	354	8.9	6.5
1960	50	30	336	392	14.8	7.7
1961	60	27	380	389	15.8	6.9

The following table shows, for six selected group causes, the age and sex distribution of the deaths for years 1956 to 1961 inclusive.

DEATHS 1956-61, SPECIFIED CAUSES, ANALYSED BY AGE AND SEX

Local Figures

Age Group	Cancer Lung and Bronchus		Cancer Stomach		Cancer Breast & Uterus		Other Malignant Diseases		Leukae- mia		Coronary Throm- bosis	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0— 9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
10—19	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	—
20—29	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	1	—
30—39	5	2	1	—	—	6	4	4	1	—	7	—
40—49	11	1	3	1	—	18	14	7	—	—	26	4
50—59	33	6	14	7	—	23	21	25	1	2	82	17
60—69	53	8	29	18	—	32	53	39	—	3	98	72
70—79	17	5	20	26	—	23	64	42	1	—	108	118
80—89	1	—	4	10	—	11	24	18	—	—	34	52
90—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	2
	120	22	71	62	—	114	186	138	6	6	359	265

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 52 new cases of tuberculosis notified, 49 being pulmonary and 3 non-pulmonary.

Deaths were 8 in 1961, 6 in 1960, 7 in 1959, 10 in 1958.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

In the first quarter of 1961, No. 6 Miniature Mass Radiography Unit visited Ashton and conducted a chest X-ray survey covering the larger industrial concerns and inviting the general public to attend ; in all 10,338 persons, comprising 4,761 males and 5,577 females were X-rayed and the diagnostic findings were as shown below :—

Diagnosis	Males		Females		Total	
	Cases	Rate per 1,000	Cases	Rate per 1,000	Cases	Rate per 1,000
Tuberculosis requiring close clinic supervision or treatment	15	3.15	11	1.97	26	2.51
Tuberculosis requiring only occasional out-patient supervision	5	1.05	5	0.90	10	0.97
Other Conditions	22	—	17	—	39	—

The increase in the notified cases in 1961 over 1960, viz. 49 as against 20 shows the value of such a visit in bringing to light cases.

The following table shows the state of the Tuberculosis Register over the last 10 years :—

NUMBER OF CASES ON THE TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

Year	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1952	247	56
1953	247	58
1954	311	63
1955	321	58
1956	324	51
1957	344	35
1958	362	44
1959	344	33
1960	304	26
1961	295	27

The state of the Tuberculosis Register on 31st December, 1961, was :—

Respiratory			Non-respiratory			Total respiratory and non-respiratory		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
166	129	295	16	11	27	182	140	322

An analysis of the housing conditions of cases on the register has been made and the following table shows the results :—

RESPIRATORY CASES ON THE TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

Housing Standards and number of children

General Housing Standard	Households on Register	No children	One child	Two children	Three children	Four children	Five children	Six children	Total children
Good	186	97	62	23	4	—	—	—	120
Fair ..	86	38	18	17	4	8	1	—	101
Bad ..	23	11	4	3	3	1	—	1	29
	295								250

Of the 295 households in which there was a case of respiratory tuberculosis, the general standard of house was as indicated in the table.

The table also shows the distribution of children in these households in respect of the type of housing.

The Housing Department of the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation gives special consideration to such cases of tuberculosis as are recommended by me for re-housing. The basis on which I make a priority recommendation is in general in order to provide a standard of housing where the risks of direct infection from one member of the family to another are minimised, *i.e.*, particularly to safeguard young children from possible exposure to infection.

The following table shows the recommendations I have made over the last 10 years with the number of cases actually re-housed :—

Year	Recommendations of M.O.H.	Re-Housed
1952	20	15
1953	12	12
1954	15	4
1955	16	10
1956	16	8
1957	19	3
1958	14	6
1959	6	3
1960	10	2
1961	4	7
TOTAL	132	70

From the above it will be seen that the Housing Department has contributed quite substantially towards the prevention of tuberculosis in this matter.

CANCER DEATHS

Cancer Deaths 1951-1960

The table below shows the age and sex distribution of all cancer deaths for the years 1951—61 inclusive.

Age Groups	Males	Females	Total
0— 9	1	1	2
10—14	2	1	3
15—19	1	—	1
20—34	5	11	16
35—39	10	12	22
40—44	17	21	38
45—49	33	23	56
50—54	47	36	83
55—59	74	64	138
60—64	102	84	186
65—69	120	93	213
70—74	108	95	203
75 and over	138	157	295
Totals	658	598	1256

TABLE IV
INFANT DEATHS SEX AND AGE GROUPS, 1961

	AGE AT DEATH										Totals		
	Under 1 Day		1 Day & less than 7 Days		1 Week & less than 4 Weeks		4 Weeks & less than 6 months		6 months & less than 12 months				Both Sexes
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
TOTAL	—	1	3	5	—	—	2	2	—	2	5	10	15

TABLE V
TUBERCULOSIS — NEW CASES AND DEATHS 1961

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1 Years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—25	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	6	3	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55	6	3	1	—	3	—	—	—
55—65	5	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
65 and upwards	3	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	29	20	3	—	8	—	—	—
	49		3		8		—	
	52				8			
Case rate per 1,000	.98		.06		Death Rate per 1,000		0.16	
	1.04						0.16	

TABLE VI
TUBERCULOSIS
INCIDENCE AND DEATH-RATES ANNUALLY 1942-1961

YEAR	INCIDENCE			DEATHS		
	Case Rate per 1,000			Death Rate per 1,000		
	Pulm'ry	Non-Pulm'ry	Total	Pulm'ry	Non-Pulm'ry	Total
1942	1.10	0.60	1.70	0.55	0.12	0.67
1943	1.16	0.59	1.75	0.52	0.04	0.56
1944	1.17	0.27	1.44	0.45	0.09	0.54
1945	1.27	0.40	1.67	0.68	0.18	0.86
1946	1.22	0.25	1.47	0.47	0.05	0.52
1947	1.02	0.42	1.44	0.53	0.19	0.72
1948	1.03	0.27	1.30	0.54	0.13	0.67
1949	1.35	0.19	1.54	0.67	0.14	0.81
1950	0.90	0.20	1.10	0.49	0.08	0.57
1951	1.15	0.24	1.39	0.35	0.09	0.44
1952	1.62	0.37	1.99	0.33	0.04	0.37
1953	1.22	0.33	1.55	0.24	0.04	0.28
1954	1.11	0.28	1.39	0.22	0.00	0.22
1955	0.99	0.08	1.07	0.33	0.00	0.33
1956	0.60	0.05	0.65	0.19	0.02	0.21
1957	1.03	0.02	1.05	0.12	0.00	0.12
1958	0.83	0.23	1.06	0.17	0.02	0.19
1959	0.29	0.06	0.35	0.12	0.02	0.14
1960	0.39	0.02	0.41	0.12	0.00	0.12
1961	0.98	0.06	1.04	0.16	0.00	0.16
Average for 20 years	1.02	0.24	1.27	0.36	0.06	0.42
Average for first 5-year period 1942—1946	1.18	0.42	1.61	0.53	0.10	0.63
Average for last 5-year period 1957—1961	0.70	0.08	0.78	0.14	0.01	0.15

TABLE VII
CANCER DEATHS (1951-1960)—1961
ACCORDING TO SITE AND SEX

Local Figures

No. List	Sites	Number of Registered Cancer Deaths			
		1951—1960		1961	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
10	Stomach	124	95	10	15
11	Lung and Bronchus	172	29	22	2
12	Breast	—	107	—	11
13	Uterus	—	63	—	3
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	291	237	31	24
15	Leukaemia, etc.	10	12	—	—
	TOTAL	597	543	63	55

CANCER DEATHS (1940-1961)

Table showing Trends (sexes separated) from all groups with
Lung and Bronchus group separated

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S

Year	Total Cancer Deaths	MALES				FEMALES		
		All Groups	Lung & Bron- chus	Percen- tage (3) of (2)	3 Year moving aver. (3)	All Groups	Lung & Bron- chus	Percen- tage (7) of (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
1940	87	47	4	9		40	3	8
1941	70	31	7	23	4.7	39	—	—
1942	98	47	3	6	5.3	51	—	—
1943	96	48	6	13	6.3	48	3	6
1944	86	46	10	22	9.0	40	2	5
1945	99	48	11	23	9.0	51	6	12
1946	89	45	6	13	8.0	44	—	—
1947	74	34	7	21	6.0	40	3	8
1948	97	43	4	9	8.3	54	4	7
1949	98	57	14	25	10.0	41	3	7
1950	106	50	12	24	13.0	56	1	2
1951	97	56	13	23	14.3	41	2	5
1952	117	64	18	28	15.3	53	1	2
1953	105	47	15	32	16.3	58	3	5
1954	115	57	16	28	14.7	58	3	5
1955	99	54	13	24	17.0	45	—	—
1956	116	66	22	33	19.6	50	2	4
1957	135	77	24	31	20.0	58	3	5
1958	110	59	14	24	20.0	51	5	10
1959	127	68	22	32	17.0	59	7	12
1960	121	52	15	29	19.7	69	3	4
1961	119	64	22	34		55	2	4
	2261	1160	278	24		1101	56	5

VENEREAL DISEASES DEALT WITH AT THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE GENERAL HOSPITAL

	1959	1960	1961
Patients under treatment at January 1st	201	211	220
New cases applying for treatment during the year ..	65	122	132
Total attendance.....	615	574	567
Patients receiving treatment at end of year.....	211	220	210

Analysis of New Cases Applying for Treatment

Syphilis	6	12	6
Gonorrhoea	11	8	21
Other venereal conditions	19	29	39
Not requiring treatment.....	24	73	66

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 929 notifications in 1961 and 628 last year.

Table VIII analyses the cases notified by age and condition.

Table IX gives the secular trend for the last 30 years.

The quarterly notifications of measles and whooping cough are shown below over the period of 12 years.

Quarterly Notification

Year	Quarter	Measles	Whooping Cough	Year	Quarter	Measles	Whooping Cough
1950	1	103	18	1956	1	8	39
	2	85	47		2	9	12
	3	53	85		3	1	18
	4	40	73		4	3	26
1951	1	547	33	1957	1	452	48
	2	244	18		2	440	13
	3	11	7		3	29	46
	4	53	30		4	1	6
1952	1	34	84	1958	1	29	23
	2	49	42		2	121	54
	3	96	7		3	6	21
	4	243	6		4	10	1
1953	1	335	17	1959	1	179	2
	2	79	55		2	517	4
	3	10	115		3	39	3
	4	3	68		4	21	3
1954	1	3	16	1960	1	29	6
	2	10	24		2	19	4
	3	22	18		3	36	10
	4	147	39		4	73	8
1955	1	898	16	1961	1	350	2
	2	145	18		2	273	10
	3	10	13		3	111	1
	4	6	25		4	5	—

TABLE VIII
NOTIFICATIONS AND AGE GROUP ANALYSIS
INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1961

DISEASES	Total Cases at all Ages	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5—9	10—14	15—19	20—34	35—44	45—64	65 and over	Age Unknown	Total Deaths	Total Cases Removed to Hospital from the District
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Meningococcal Infection	37	2	—	2	3	3	22	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Scarlet Fever	13	—	2	—	—	1	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	31	—	—	8	4	2	4	1	2	5	1	1	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	739	33	78	118	118	114	264	9	1	3	—	—	—	1	—	2
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis— Paralytic	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Non-paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis— Infective	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Post-Infectious	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia— Primary and Influenza	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	30	3	—	—	—	—	41
Food Poisoning	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	49	—	1	1	—	1	5	2	5	7	9	14	4	—	7	—
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
Malaria	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	929	39	84	131	125	121	301	22	17	47	13	19	9	1	7	50

TABLE IX
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS—1932-1961

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Report on Slum Clearance

The following report on the position relating to the Slum Clearance Programme, prepared by the Town Clerk, shows the position as at December, 1961.

<i>Clearance Area and Properties Comprised Therein</i>	<i>Present Position</i>	<i>No. of tenants rehoused</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Church Street No. 1 (1955)			
130/142 Church Street (seven properties)	Properties acquired	7	Properties demolished
Fleet Street No. 1 (1955)			
137/151 Fleet Street 158/172 Church Street 153/159 Fleet Street 48/56 Bentinck Street (twenty five properties)	Properties acquired	25	Properties demolished
Hill Street No. 1 (1955)			
4/36 Hill Street 1/41 Charles Street 97/103 Cavendish Street 24 Bentinck Street (forty three properties)	Properties acquired	43	Properties demolished
Bentinck Street No. 1 (1955)			
165/169 Fleet Street 182/190 Church Street 51/59 Bentinck Street	These properties were already owned by the Council when the Clearance Area was declared	20	Properties demolished
171/183 Fleet Street (twenty properties)	Properties acquired	—	Properties demolished
Brook Street No. 2 (1955)			
38/40 Brook Street (two properties)	Properties acquired	2	Properties demolished
Brook Street No. 1 (1955)			
75/103 Cotton Street 138/146 Portland Street 44/72 Brook Street (thirty five properties)	Properties acquired	35	Properties demolished
Vale Street (1955)			
1/15A Vale Street (nine properties)	Properties acquired	9	Properties demolished
Park Street No. 1 (1955)			
87/89 Church Street 64/72 Park Street 10A/20 Mill Lane (thirteen properties)	Properties included in a con- firmed Clearance Order, but are to be acquired	13	Properties demolished
Mill Lane No. 1 (1955)			
6/10 Mill Lane (three properties)	Properties were included in a confirmed Clearance Order subsequently included in a C.P.O. This latter Order has been confirmed but having regard to the proposed de- velopment by the Owners the Council decided not to exer- cise its powers thereunder	3	Properties demolished

<i>Clearance Area and Properties Comprised Therein</i>	<i>Present Position</i>	<i>No. of tenants rehoused</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Park Parade No. 1 (1955)			
47/55 Church Street 22/28 Park Parade 3/5 Delamere Street (eleven properties)	Properties included in a confirmed Clearance Order but acquired by the Council	11	Properties demolished
Hillgate Street (1956)			
32/40 Hillgate Street (five properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	5	Properties demolished
Sack Street (1956)			
1/9 Sack Street (five properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	5	Properties demolished
Mount Street No. 1 (1957)			
26/32 Mount Street (four properties)	Properties included in a confirmed Clearance Order and subsequently in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	4	Properties demolished
Mount Street No. 2 (1957)			
31/43 Bradgate Street 2/20 Mount Street 2/8 Back Mount Street 1/21 Back Mount Street (thirty two properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	32	Properties demolished
Margaret Street No. 1 (1957)			
32/34 Hodgson Street 98/104 Margaret Street 1, 2 and 3 Margaret Ave. 39/41 Brook Street (eleven properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	11	Properties demolished
Margaret Street No. 2 (1957)			
136/138 Brook Street 106/112 Margaret Street 4, 5 and 6 Margaret Ave. 161/163 Cotton Street (eleven properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	11	Properties demolished
Hillgate Street No. 2 (1956)			
31/43 Hillgate Street (seven properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	7	Properties demolished
Welbeck Street No. 1 (1957)			
54/56 Welbeck Street 1, 2, 3 & 4 Welbeck Court 24/30 Dale Street (ten properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	10	Properties demolished
Ellison Street (1957)			
6/36 Ellison Street 57/65 Margaret Street 141/171 Charles Street 118/130 Charles Street 52/58 Bradgate Street (forty eight properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	48	Properties demolished except for 52/58 Bradgate Street in which case a tender has been accepted

<i>Clearance Area and Properties Comprised Therein</i>	<i>Present Position</i>	<i>No. of tenants rehoused</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Park Street (1958) 46/50 Park Street 1/3 Booth Street (five properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Order which has been confirmed but the site has been acquired for use as a car park	5	Properties demolished
Jermyn Street (1958) 31/35 Jermyn Street 36/40 Tatton Street (six properties)	Properties included in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	6	Tender for demolition accepted
Holden Street (1958) 74/78 Holden Street 65/69 Holden Street 45/53 Botany Lane 2/12 Saville Street (seventeen properties)	74/78 Holden Street and 53 Botany Lane included in a confirmed C.P.O. remainder acquired by agreement	17	Properties demolished
Church Street (1958) 247/251 Fleet Street 274/276 Church Street (five properties)	Properties included in a confirmed C.P.O.	5	Properties demolished
England Street (1959) 38/48 England Street 25/29 England Street 2, 4 and 6 Wickergate (twelve properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Order which has been confirmed	12	Properties demolished
Margaret Street (1959) 67/75 Margaret Street 189/197 Park Street (ten properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and acquired	10	Properties demolished
Mount Street No. 1 (1959) 13/69 Bollington Street 76/98 Victoria Street 34/50A Mount Street 25/45 Mount Street 44/56 William Street (seventy properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area. Nos. 21 Bollington Street, 31, 37 & 41 Mount Street, 46 William Street included in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed. Remainder acquired by agreement	70	Properties demolished
Mount Street No. 2 (1959) 1/15 Mount Street 23/29 Bradgate Street (twelve properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area. Properties contracted to be acquired	12	Properties demolished
Boyd's Buildings (1959) 1/12 Boyd's Buildings (twelve properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Order which has been confirmed	11	Properties partly demolished
Hodgson Street (1959) 6/30 Hodgson Street 11/37 Brook Street 89/95 Welbeck Street (thirty properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area. Nos. 11, 15, 17/23 Brook Street, 89/95 Welbeck Street and 6/26 Hodgson Street included in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed. Nos. 18, 28 & 30 Hodgson Street acquired by agreement	30	A tender has been accepted for the demolition of Nos. 6/30 Hodgson Street and 13/37 Brook Street

<i>Clearance Area and Properties Comprised Therein</i>	<i>Present Position</i>	<i>No. of tenants rehoused</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Dale Street No. 1 (1959)			
47/67 Dale Street (eleven properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a con- firmed C.P.O.	8	
Dale Street No. 2 (1959)			
32/60 Dale Street 86/88, 92/96 Margaret Street 3/17 Hodgson Street 81/85 Welbeck Street (thirty one properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area. Nos. 32/60 Dale Street, 86/88, 92/96 Margaret Street, 5/17 Hodg- son Street, 81/85 Welbeck Street included in a confirmed C.P.O. Remainder either ac- quired or negotiations for acquisition completed	29	
Brook Street (1959)			
108/134 Brook Street 97/105 Welbeck Street 135/159 Cotton Street (thirty two properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a con- firmed C.P.O.	24	
Cotton Street No. 1 (1959)			
166/174 Cotton Street 141/161 Moss Street (sixteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area. 141/159 Moss Street included in a confirmed C.P.O. Remainder either ac- quired or negotiations com- pleted	16	A tender for the demo- lition of 166/ 174 Cotton Street has been accepted
Moss Street No. 1 (1959)			
88/92, 96/114 Moss Street 291/295 Katherine Street (sixteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area. 100/114 Moss Street included in a confirmed C.P.O. Remainder either ac- quired or negotiations com- pleted	11	
Tatton Street No. 3 (1960)			
5/11 Tatton Street (four properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	4	Tender for demolition accepted
Tatton Street No. 4 (1960)			
13/19 Tatton Street 18/24 Delamere Street North (eight properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	6	Tender for demolition accepted
Tatton Street No. 2 (1960)			
42/64 Tatton Street 26/36 Delamere Street North 37/57 Jermyn Street (thirty properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	30	Tender for demolition accepted
Jermyn Street No. 1 (1960)			
7/11 Gosford Street 10/30 Jermyn Street (fourteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	14	Tender for demolition accepted

<i>Clearance Area and Properties Comprised Therein</i>	<i>Present Position</i>	<i>No of tenants rehoused</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Jermyn Street No. 2 (1960)			
5/15 Jermyn Street (six properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	3	
Church Street (1960)			
42/64 Church Street 7/13 Delamere Street 33/35 Fleet Street (seventeen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	7	
Booth Street (1960)			
42/44 Park Parade 2/12 Booth Street 57/63 Church Street (twelve properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	5	
Delamere Street North No. 2 (1960)			
15/21 Delamere Street 32 Jermyn Street 34 Jermyn Street 3 Water Street (seven properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	6	Tender for demolition accepted
Tatton Street No. 5 (1960)			
21/37 Tatton Street 68/72 Tatton Street 7/9 Delamere Street North (thirteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	13	Tender for demolition accepted
Delamere Street North (1960)			
42/46 Delamere Street North (three properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	3	Tender for demolition accepted
Delamere Street (1960)			
4/6 Delamere Street (two properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	1	
Church Street No. 2 (1960)			
35/43 Church Street (five properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	2	
Church Street No. 3 (1960)			
32/40 Church Street 10/16 Delamere Street (nine properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	2	
Spring Grove Terrace (1960)			
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Spring Grove Terrace (five properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	—	
Cotton Street No. 1 (1960)			
43/51 Cotton Street 2/10 Brook Street (ten properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	3	

<i>Clearance Area and Properties comprised Therein</i>	<i>Present Position</i>	<i>No. of tenants rehoused</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Duke Street (1960)			
12/22 Duke Street 4 Spring Street (seven properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a Clear- ance Order which has been confirmed	7	Properties demolished
Cavendish Street (1960)			
183/185 Cavendish Street (two properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	—	
Portland Street (1960)			
49, 51 Portland Street (two properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	—	
Charles Street (1960)			
72/86 Charles Street 32/38A Welbeck Street 141/155 Park Street (twenty properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	2	
Hill Street (1960)			
76/108 Hill Street 43/47 Portland Street 79 Charles Street (twenty one properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	1	
Park Street (1960)			
52/60 Park Street 69/75 Church Street (nine properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has been confirmed	4	
Bentinck Street (1961)			
124/140 Bentinck Street 94/96 Cotton Street 67/71 Moss Street (fourteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has yet to be confirmed	—	
Brook Street No. 1 (1961)			
76/104 Brook Street 107/133 Cotton Street 68/76 Welbeck Street (thirty seven properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has yet to be confirmed	—	
Cavendish Street (1961)			
187/197 Cavendish Street 41/49 Moss Street 68, 72/78 Cotton Street (sixteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has yet to be confirmed	1	
Cotton Street No. 1 (1961)			
134/162 Cotton Street 78/88 Welbeck Street 109/137 Moss Street 137/149 Portland Street (forty four properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has yet to be confirmed	—	
Cotton Street No. 2 (1961)			
150/172 Portland Street 102/132 Cotton Street 73/105 Moss Street 32/42 Moss Street 117/123 Bentinck Street 1 Hollas Court (fifty six properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has yet to be confirmed	2	

<i>Clearance Area and Properties Comprised Therein</i>	<i>Present Position</i>	<i>No, of tenants rehoused</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Katherine Street (1961)			
131/133 Bentinck Street 213/221 Katherine Street (six properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has yet to be confirmed	—	
Moss Street No. 1 (1961)			
60/84 Moss Street 151/159 Portland Street (eighteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has yet to be confirmed	—	
Moss Street No. 2 (1961)			
6/10 Moss Street 195/199 Katherine Street (six properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and a C.P.O. which has yet to be confirmed	1	
Wellington Road (1961)			
25/37 Wellington Road 4/12 Gosford Street (twelve properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and have been acquired by agreement	3	
Cavendish Street No. 2 (1961)			
184/196 Cavendish Street (seven properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	2	
Crickets Lane (1961)			
97/115 Crickets Lane (ten properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Whitworth Street No. 1 (1961)			
1A/7 Whitworth Street (four properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Whitworth Street No. 2 (1961)			
15/25 Whitworth Street 27 Whitworth Street/ 97 Hillgate Street 99/103 Hillgate Street 50/58 Winter Street 12/16 Taylor Street (eighteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired		
Oldham Street (1961)			
2 Oldham Street 46 Union Road (two properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Hillgate Street No. 1 (1961)			
49/65 Hillgate Street 21/25 Oldham Street (eleven properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Hillgate Street No. 2 (1961)			
115/123 Hillgate Street 102/108 Union Road (nine properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	

<i>Clearance Area and Properties Comprised Therein</i>	<i>Present Position</i>	<i>No. of tenants rehoused</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Winter Street No. 1 (1961)			
13/23 Winter Street 1 Back Winter Street 1/3 in Yard, Winter Street The Garret, Winter Street (ten properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Winter Street No. 2 (1961)			
18/22 Winter Street (three properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Taylor Street No. 1 (1961)			
4/6 Taylor Street (three properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Mary Street (1961)			
3/13 Mary Street (six properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Union Road (1961)			
54/66 Union Road 17/23 Mary Street (eleven properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	
Brammah Street (1961)			
2/16 Brammah Street 76/90 Union Road (sixteen properties)	Properties included in a Clearance Area and are to be acquired	—	

SUMMARY

	<i>Prior to 1961</i>	<i>During 1961</i>
No. of Properties in Clearance Areas ..	792	226
No. of Properties acquired by agreement, included in confirmed Compulsory Purchase Orders and properties owned by the Council when a Clearance Area was declared ..	761	—
No. of Properties included in Compulsory Purchase Orders yet to be confirmed or to be acquired by agreement	—	319
No. of Properties included in Clearance Orders and not subsequently acquired ..	31	—
No. of houses not included in Clearance Areas but which have been made the subject of Certificates of Unfitness issued by the Medical Officer of Health	119	11
	<hr/> 911	<hr/> 330
Total Number of Properties		1241
No. of families rehoused		816
No. of families yet to be rehoused		425
		<hr/> 1241

This summary relates to properties included in Clearance Areas only. Certain properties which are not included in Clearance Areas are included in proposed redevelopment areas, and a summary of the position insofar as redevelopment areas are concerned, is as follows :—

	Number of Redevelop- ment Area in the Area	Number of Properties unfit Properties	Number of Properties not represented	Position regarding acquisition of properties
Ellison Street	245	210	35	All have been acquired, contracted to be acquired or included in Compulsory Purchase Orders
Katherine Street (first stage)	227	161	66	Of these 66 properties 15 have been acquired by agreement and the remainder have been included in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed
Katherine Street (second stage)	216	192	24	All the properties with the exception of the Happy Shepherd Inn and the Dog & Partridge Hotel have been included in a C.P.O.
Central Bus Station	125	87	38	All the properties have been included in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed
Crown Buildings Site	30	29	1	All the properties have been included in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed
Car Park Site (adjoining site of Crown Buildings)	25	16	9	All the properties have been included in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed
Charles Street	62	43	19	All the properties have been included in a C.P.O. which has been confirmed
Hillgate (first phase)	134	93	41	All the properties are to be acquired

The following properties are not included in Clearance Areas but they are the subject of Certificates of Unfitness issued by the Medical Officer of Health.

53/65A Cotton Street—Demolished
 12/30 Brook Street—Demolished
 2/30 Tatton Street—Demolished
 5/9 Jermyn Street
 6/12 Forrest Street—Demolished
 57/59 Wellington Road—Demolished
 36 Hampson Road—Demolished
 1/9 Ellison Street—Demolished
 46/50 Bradgate Street—Demolished
 36, 42/44 Victoria Street—Demolished
 12 Temporary Bungalows—Hamer Grove and Cambridge Street—Demolished
 14 Temporary Bungalows—Stockport Road—Demolished
 21 Temporary Bungalows—Vicarage Crescent—Demolished
 21 Temporary Bungalows—Burlington Street and Katherine Street
 1/5 Manor Street
 42/50 Wellington Road
 2/6 Harley Street
 (130 properties)

SUBSIDIES

Subsidies have been granted in the following instances :—

Neal Avenue	..	..	..	2 dwellings
Lordsfields (No. 1)	..	..	..	52 dwellings
Lordsfields (No. 2)	..	..	..	33 dwellings
Hazelhurst (No. 1)	..	..	..	102 dwellings
Hazelhurst (No. 2)	..	..	..	172 dwellings
Hazelhurst (No. 3)	..	..	..	162 dwellings
Hazelhurst (No. 4)	..	..	..	18 dwellings
Lordsfields (No. 3)	..	..	..	106 dwellings
Lordsfields (No. 4)	..	..	..	7 dwellings
Charlestown	..	..	..	160 dwellings
Burgess Avenue	..	..	..	14 dwellings
Vicarage Crescent	..	..	..	40 dwellings
				<u>868 dwellings</u>

Town Clerk's Office,
 Town Hall,
 Ashton-under-Lyne.

January, 1962

General Provision of Health Services in the Area

I.—SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

A. General Hospital

The Ashton-under-Lyne General Hospital, Lake Section and Infirmary Section, is controlled and administered by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board acting through their Ashton, Hyde and Glossop Hospital Management Committee.

The hospital admits medical and surgical cases ; there is an out-patient department at the Infirmary and the Lake Section provides through its Maternity Department, maternity beds and an ante-natal clinic.

B. Infectious Diseases

The area is served by a number of Infectious Diseases Hospitals ; Monsall and Westhulme (Oldham) taking the majority of our cases in that order of frequency.

SMALLPOX. The Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, Bury, would take any cases of smallpox.

C. Tuberculosis Services

The Chest Clinic, Lees Street, is now administered by the Regional Hospital Board, though certain aspects of this work, more particularly the domiciliary visiting of cases and contacts, come within the domain of the Local Health Authority's Medical Officer (the Divisional Medical Officer for Health Division No. 17).

The times for attendance at the Clinic are as follows :—

Tuesdays	.. .. .	1-30 p.m.
Wednesdays	.. .. .	9-30 a.m.
Fridays	.. .. .	9-30 a.m.
2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month at (Appointment only)		5-30 p.m.

A clinic for children only is held Friday afternoons from 1-30.

II.—SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

The Lancashire County Council are the Local Health Authority for the Ashton-under-Lyne area, and they have set up a Divisional Scheme for Administration covering the whole of the County of Lancashire.

Ashton-under-Lyne is one of the five constituent districts in Health Division No. 17, which is comprised as follows :—

Ashton-under-Lyne Borough
Mossley Borough
Audenshaw Urban District
Denton Urban District
Droylsden Urban District

The services which are provided by the Lancashire County Council, with effect from July 5th, 1948, are as follows :—

1. Maternity and Child Welfare
2. School Medical Service
3. Midwifery
4. Health Visiting
5. Home Nursing
6. Vaccination and Immunisation
7. Ambulance Service
8. Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care
9. Domestic Help
10. Mental Health
11. Health Education and Propaganda

The above services are administered by the Lancashire County Council acting through their Divisional Health Committee No. 17.

A brief résumé of the above services as available to residents in Ashton-under-Lyne follows, the items being listed in the order as shown above :—

1. Maternity and Child Welfare

Centres held at—

Child Welfare	Cricketts Lane,	Tuesdays 2 p.m.
	Richmond House,	
	York Place,	Thursdays 2 p.m.
	Ormonde Street,	Wednesdays 2 p.m.
	Hurst Nook,	Mondays 2 p.m.
	Methodist Sunday	
	School, Oldham Rd.,	Tuesdays 2 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics,	Cricket Lane, Richmond House, York Place,	} Alternate Fridays 2 p.m.
*Speech Therapy Clinics,	Richmond House, York Place,	Each morning— Monday to Friday
*Ultra Violet Ray Clinics,	Richmond House, York Place,	Tuesdays and Fridays 9 a.m.

2. School Medical Service

The School Clinic at Cricket Lane is open throughout the week and provides the following Clinics :—

Minor Ailments	Dental*
Ophthalmic*	Chiropody*
Orthopaedic*	

3. Health Visitors

Office : St. Michael's Square, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Mrs. Weir	Mrs. Milnes
Miss Cleary	Mrs. Bramhall
Mrs. Beaumont	Mrs. Allott
Mrs. Cooke	Miss Nadin
Mrs. Mason	Miss M. Jones

4. School Nurses

Mrs. Woodhead
Mrs. Brown.

5. Midwives

The following are the names and addresses of the Midwives practising in Ashton-under-Lyne :—

Mrs. F. T. Ashworth, 10, Cranbourne Close, Ashton-under-Lyne	Tel. No. ASHton 4903
Mrs. M. Crompton, 36, Furness Avenue, Ashton-under-Lyne.	Tel. No. ASHton 5070
Mrs. M. Tattersall, 2, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.	Tel. No. ASHton 2086
Mrs. E. Broadhurst, 7, St. Stephen's Road, Stalybridge	Tel. No. STA 2674
Mrs. H. H. S. Roberts, Flat 5, 209 Mossley Road, Ashton-u-Lyne.	Tel. No. ASHton 4623

* Denotes by appointment.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Though pleased to have the opportunity once again to preface the environmental health section of this report with some comments on the year's progress, I do so with a tinge of regret as this, my fifth annual contribution, will also be my last.

Since the advent in the nineteenth century of sanitary legislation, most fields of environmental health have been investigated in order to bring about suitable conditions under which urban dwellers might fulfil the Psalmist's expectation of life of "three score year and ten". What might appear to be the most important phase, therefore, of the present-day work of the Public Health Inspector is the implementation of a Clean Air policy, for what can be more necessary to health than wholesome air to breathe? This aspect of the Department's work has, as far as has been possible under all conditions, been tackled with vigour, and 1962 will go down as a highly successful one in the history of the town's health services, for during the year, the first Smoke Control Order came into operation and two further Orders were made and submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation. In addition, a Clean Air and Home Safety Exhibition was staged at the Town Hall for one week in September, and thanks to the help from all parties interested in "selling" Clean Air, and to the public's support, the effort proved well worth while.

I might be forgiven a somewhat wry comment on the fact that medical men conduct publicity campaigns to stop people spending heavily on certain forms of tobacco which are considered to cause lung cancer, whereas much publicity and effort is involved in trying to persuade people to buy appliances and fuels at relatively low cost, such as will ensure a cleaner, healthier atmosphere and reduce lung troubles! If common sense would prevail—as I suppose it will in the end—how much money, effort and suffering could be saved.

The Slum Clearance programme was carried on quietly but relentlessly throughout the year, in conjunction with re-development, and much progress was made towards what must ultimately prove very satisfying to the citizens of the Borough, as new buildings spring up where once there were slums.

Meat Inspection once again occupied much of the Inspectors' time. Each annual report, since the main slaughter-house came into use, contains evidence of increased yearly output and it has only been possible to cope with the heavy killings by ensuring that two inspectors are available for duty at peak periods. Because of this, some

aspects of the Food Hygiene service have suffered, and the number of routine visits to food premises has fallen slightly, as compared with last year. However, it is a matter of priorities, and since it has been the Council's policy to ensure that all carcasses are examined as soon as possible after slaughter, attention was given to this matter first. Reference to the details on Meat Inspection will indicate just how well this work has been carried out, figures indicating the amount of meat condemned bearing mute testimony to the fact. During the year, progress on the work necessary to bring the two slaughterhouses in the town up to the standards laid down in the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, and Regulations made thereunder, was made.

Samples of food taken during the year equalled the volume of previous years, and there were no legal proceedings taken as a result of any unsatisfactory ones, although in several instances, the presence of "foreign" bodies in food—all of which were reported to the Department by the purchasers—necessitated court action, and fines were imposed for convictions in all cases.

In all other sections of the work—waste-water closet conversions, infectious disease investigations, Rent Act inspections, Diseases of Animals Acts visits, Shops Acts work and general sanitary matters—the staff of the Department made reasonable progress.

In terminating these brief comments, I must take the opportunity once again to thank the Chairman, Alderman W. H. Flowers, M.B.E., M.M., the Deputy Chairman, Councillor L. Hibbert, and all members of the Health Committee for the help, support and encouragement given to me and the staff during the year under review.

I must acknowledge my indebtedness to other officials who have at all times been most co-operative colleagues and wish to record my pleasure at having served with Dr. A. S. Simpson, the Medical Officer of Health, who has been extremely helpful and considerate during the whole of my service with the Corporation.

Finally, I would also like to thank all members of the Department who, throughout the year, have carried out what on occasions must have seemed very dull, routine duties, in order to ensure that the services functioned satisfactorily. The support of a loyal and willing staff is something which I shall recollect as one of the great things of my tenure of office as Chief Public Health Inspector.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
G. H. COOPER,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

Environmental Health Services

Embodying the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the Year 1961

Housing Statistics

Number of new Houses erected during the year :—	Houses	Flats
(i) By the Local Authority	167	—
(ii) By other Local Authorities	—	—
(iii) By other Bodies or Persons	61	—

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 1354
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. 3102
- (c) No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit .. 1045
- (2) Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit 635

2. Houses demolished :—

In Clearance Areas :

- (1) Houses unfit for human habitation
- (2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.
- (3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43(2), Housing Act, 1957

Not in Clearance Areas :

- (4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957
- (5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health
- (6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts
- (7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders

Houses Demolished	Displaced during Year	
	Persons	Families
194	517	190
—	4	1
64	183	64
12	18	6
—	22	8
—	—	—
—	—	—

3. Unfit houses closed :—

	Number	Displaced during Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1), and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	1	1	1
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 ..	—	—	—

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied :—

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority	423	—
(2) After formal notice under—		
(a) Public Health Acts	83	369
(b) Housing Act, 1957, Sections 9 and 16	—	—
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ..	—	—

5. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957) :—

	Number of houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year :—		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation :—		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 17 (2) ..	—	—
(c) Under Section 46	—	—
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53 ..	—	—

6. Purchase of houses by agreement :—

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year

Number of houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in Col. (1) (2)
56	153

7. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958—Improvement Grants, etc. :—

Action during year :—

	Private bodies or Individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or other bldgs. affected	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority ..	—	—	—	—
(b) Approved by Local Authority	—	—	—	—
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	—	—	—	—
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	—	—	—	—
(e) Work completed ..	—	—	—	—
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above ..		—		—

(g) Any other action taken under the Acts NIL

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959—Standard Grants :—

Action during the year :—

	No. of dwellings or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted to local authority	186
(b) Approved by local authority ..	175
(c) Work completed	132

(d) Remarks : Nil

9. Rent Act, 1957 :—

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	17
No. of Certificates issued	6

No. of Undertakings accepted	..	..	..	7
No. of cancellations	..	..	..	2
Visits made in relation thereto	..	..	..	41

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

The conversion of waste-water closets into fresh-water closets continued during the year. This is the fifteenth year the scheme has been in operation and the number dealt with during 1961 was 484. Up to date 3,296 waste-water closets have been abolished.

CLEAN AIR

One application for prior approval under the provisions of the Clean Air Act, 1956, was received, this being in respect of an oil-fired installation, for an existing building.

Industrial Premises

Twenty-six observations on various chimneys were carried out for contravention of the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958, but no recourse to statutory action was necessary, as informal consultation with the factory management was sufficient to bring about the necessary improvements.

Domestic Premises

The Ashton-under-Lyne Smoke Control Order No. 1 came into operation on the 1st June, 1961, after much publicity and a lot of work on the part of all members of the staff.

Following upon the establishment of the area, thirty-three observations were made on chimneys of premises, the amount of smoke from which exceeded that permitted under the terms of the Order. After the initial "teething" period, however, householders co-operated remarkably well and the improvement in the level of pollution was marked indeed. It is impossible, though, for one such small area to make a very big impression and work proceeded as quickly as possible in carrying out the Council's programmed Clean Air policy. Orders were made and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in respect of the Central Re-development Area (Order No. 4), and the Hazelhurst Estate Area (Order No. 3). Details of these two Orders are as follows :—

Title	Acreage	No. of Premises			
		Completed		Under Construction	
		Domestic	Others	Domestic	Others
Smoke Control Area No. 3	161	340	5	175	6
Smoke Control Area No. 4	11.5	28	27	160	—

Measurement of Pollution

During the year, two deposit gauges, three lead peroxide cylinders and one volumetric analysis measuring instrument for ascertaining levels of atmospheric pollution were maintained at four stations under the aegis of the South East Lancs. and North Cheshire Consultative Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution, of which the Corporation is a member. All measurements are forwarded to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for inclusion in the national bulletin of results.

	CONCENTRATIONS					
	Smoke Concentration microgrms. per cu. m.			Sulphur Dioxide Concentration microgrms. per cu. m.		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
January	550	1390	170	272	920	32
February	430	740	230	204	490	33
March	430	720	200	181	381	55
April	280	860	110	155	269	43
May	224	430	90	94	180	8
June	198	350	70	88	197	14
July	120	170	70	48	89	6
August	130	230	80	49	92	9
September	126	220	70	61	157	0
October	180	400	80	139	326	23
November	374	1070	90	316	781	80
December	335	1228	40	509	1772	28

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1961

Monthly Deposit Recorded by the Deposit Gauge and Sulphur Dioxide by the Lead Peroxide Method

MONTH	Grasmere, Stockport Road					Hartshead Pike					Jubilee Dingle
	R	ID	SD	TD	SO ₂	R	ID	SD	TD	SO ₂	
January	4.33	10.86	6.40	17.26	2.73					3.06	3.47
February	2.88	13.55	5.83	19.38	2.49					3.40	3.07
March	0.63	12.69	4.29	16.98	2.65					3.02	2.72
April	3.62	19.72	5.24	24.96	1.94					2.08	Cylinder Destroyed
May	2.40	15.67	5.23	20.90	1.58					1.73	1.45
June	2.29	15.19	6.01	21.20	1.40					1.61	1.14
July	4.02	13.67	7.71	21.38	1.34					1.31	1.04
August	4.85	7.29	5.43	12.72	1.30					1.24	1.21
September	3.11	24.41	6.21	30.62	1.04					1.47	1.25
October	5.24	10.29	8.51	18.80	1.67					2.08	2.02
November	2.92	13.50	8.74	22.24	2.58					2.97	2.79
December	2.72	4.69	6.54	11.23	3.46					3.67	3.73

These tables contain results of monthly observations of rainfall, deposited matter and sulphur compounds. The following abbreviations are used :—

R .. Rainfall, in inches per calendar month.
ID .. Insoluble Deposit } rate of deposition in tons per square mile
SD .. Soluble Deposit } per calendar month.
TD .. Total Deposit.
SO₂ .. Sulphur Dioxide (etc.) in air, measured by the mean rate of sulphation of a standard " lead peroxide candle " exposed in the approved louvered box. The amounts are expressed in " milligrams of sulphur trioxide fixed per day per 100 square centimetres of Batch ' A ' standard lead peroxide."

Inspection and Supervision of Food

MILK SUPPLY

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

No. of registered distributors operating from :—

(a) Dairies in the district	14
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies	214

Action taken by this department in relation to samples taken in the district :—

Raw Milk

	<i>Number of samples</i>	<i>Number Negative</i>	<i>Number Positive</i>
Tuberculosis—			
(1) Biological Tests ..	—	—	—
	<i>Number of samples</i>	<i>Number satis- factory</i>	<i>Number unsatis- factory</i>
(2) Methylene Blue Test	—	—	—
(3) Phosphatase Test ..	—	—	—

“ Heat Treated ” Milk

	<i>Number of samples</i>	<i>Number satis- factory</i>	<i>Number unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Void samples</i>
“ Pasteurised ”—				
(1) Phosphatase Test	89	88	1	—
(2) Methylene Blue Test	89	84	4	1
“ Sterilised ”—				
(3) Turbidity Test	12	12	—	—

Ice-Cream

27 samples of ice-cream were forwarded for methylene blue test and were reported upon as follows :—

Grade 1	22
Grade 2	5
Grade 3	—
Grade 4	—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

During the year, 107 samples were taken and submitted to the Public Analyst for examination. The details of these samples are as follows :—

Milk	..	..	..	..	..	26
Sausages	..	..	..	..	..	9
Ice cream	..	..	..	..	..	5
Butter	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fruit cordials	..	..	..	..	..	3
Margarine	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cheese	..	..	..	..	..	2
Flavoured cheese spreads				..	..	2
Jellies	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sauces	..	..	..	..	..	2
Lemon cheese	..	..	..	..	..	2
Orange drink	..	..	..	..	..	2

One sample of each of the following :—

“ Biscoids ”, gravy browning, raspberry vinegar, glycerine and rose-water, tinned rice pudding, tea, fish paste, meat paste, mustard, tinned soup, packet soup, pepper-flavoured compound, packet milk shake, plain flour, self-raising flour, glucose syrup, soda water, table creams, stuffed pork roll, corned beef loaf, instant coffee, full cream evaporated milk, meringue powder, jam, marmalade, mincemeat, pearl barley, pickles, tin beef curry, packet pudding mix, custard powder, ground nutmeg, brandy flavouring, vanilla flavouring, marzipan, chocolate spread, glace cherries, baking powder, sterilised cream, batter mix, ground almonds, candied peel, hazelnut spread, stem ginger in syrup, parsley sauce mix, toffee, bilberries.

The table below gives particulars of the samples found upon analysis to have been adulterated or below standard :—

Commodity	Adulteration	Remarks
1. Milk (Farm bottled T.T. Channel Island)	Deficient in milk fat to the extent of 7.5%	Letter sent to producer and further sample taken (Satisfactory).
2. Pork sausage	Borderline sample	Further sample to be taken.
3. Ice cream	20% deficient in fat.	Further sample taken. (Satisfactory).

Legal proceedings were taken regarding contraventions of the Food and Drugs Act 1955, involving :—

Contravention	Result of Prosecution
1. Sausage deficient in meat content and containing undeclared preservative	Fined £20 on two counts, plus £5 costs, making a total of £45.
2. Foreign matter in bread.	Withdrawn, on learning that conviction involving a loaf from the same batch had been secured in another Court. (Reported in 1960).
3. Needle in loaf of bread	Fined £10.
4. Tobacco in potato cake	Fined £10 plus £1/1/- costs.
5. Glass in bottle of milk	Fined £10, plus costs.

FOOD HYGIENE

Routine inspection of food exposed for sale at retail level was carried out during the year, in the course of 463 surveys of various types of food preparing premises throughout the town. It has been possible to concentrate on inspecting certain classes of businesses with a view to ensuring that the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations are met. In this connection many alterations and improvements have been carried out to various establishments through informal action by the co-operation of owners and occupiers, who, generally speaking, were anxious to meet their statutory responsibilities.

FOOD CONDEMNED, 1961

							T.	C.	Lbs.
Tinned goods	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	16	69
Poultry	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	1	76
Lamb	..	..	..	..	..	..			111½
Beef	..	..	..	..	..	..			91½
Ham and bacon	..	..	..	..	..	..			52½
Sausages	..	..	..	..	..	..			56
Fruit (pears)	..	..	..	..	..	..			40
Cooked meats	..	..	..	..	..	..			16¼
Bread	..	..	..	..	..	..			8½
Preserves	..	..	..	..	..	..			8
Marshmallows	..	..	..	..	..	..			3¼
Pickles, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..			1½
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..			1
							3	1	87

MEAT INSPECTION

No. of animals killed (pigs only)	..	..	..	120,675
No. of animals inspected (pigs only)	..	..	..	120,675
Total weight of meat and offals destroyed during the year as diseased, unsound and unfit for human consumption	..	..	..	68 tons 17 cwts. 49½ lbs.

Carcases and Organs Condemned as Totally Unfit for Human Consumption

PIGS	TUBER- CULOSIS	OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS			
		Inflam- matory Diseases	Parasitic Diseases	Other Condi- tions	Total
Whole carcasses con- demned	6	189	—	52	246
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	3,804	10,113	3,895	368	18,180

Details of Various Organs Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption

	Tuber- culosis	Inflam- matory	Parasitic	Other Diseases
Heads and Tongues ..	3793	24	—	1
Lungs (prs.)	—	7064	—	—
Livers	—	—	3895	—
Plucks	8	2901	—	—
Trimmings	—	17	—	142
Hocks, feet, legs etc. ..	—	49	—	55

RODENT CONTROL
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				(5) Agri- cultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	26	17,342	4,063	21,431	36
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of :—					
(a) Notification	20	402	114	536	1
(b) Survey under the Act	59	640	145	844	22
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	71	1,030	1,123	2,224	11
3. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	399	4,577	1,883	6,859	70
4. Number of properties inspected (in Sec. 2) which were found to be infested by :—					
(a) Rats Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	35	404	93	532	7
(b) Mice Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	7	71	46	124	—
5. Number of infested properties (in Section 4) treated by L.A.	93	738	244	1,075	20
6. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :—					
(a) Treatment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Structural work (i.e. proofing)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec. 4 of the Act	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8. Legal Proceedings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF ANIMALS

During the year, 220 movement licences under the various Acts and Orders were issued by the Department.

Under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, eighteen operators of plants and equipment used in connection with various piggeries throughout the town for the boiling of waste foods were licensed, the units having been inspected and found to be satisfactory.

DISINFESTATION

During the year 22 privately owned houses and properties were fumigated. Liquid and powder spraying by both manual and mechanical appliances were employed. Zaldecide and Gammexane insecticides gave excellent results.

SCABIES

There were 11 patients treated for Scabies during 1961.

Water Supply

The water supply has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. There has been filtration of all supplies, with Chlorination at the Brushes and Yeoman Hey Filterhouses and Ozonisation at Knott Hill.

During the year, the following examinations were made :—

(a)	RAW WATER	<i>Number</i>		<i>Results</i>
	Bacteriological examinations	14	..	Satisfactory
	Chemical analyses	3	..	Satisfactory
(b)	WATER GOING INTO SUPPLY WHERE TREATMENT IS INSTALLED	<i>Number</i>		<i>Satisfactory</i> <i>Unsatisfactory</i>
	Bacteriological examinations	125	122	3
	Chemical analyses	2	2	—
	PRIVATE SUPPLIES			
	Bacteriological examinations	—	—	—
	Chemical analyses	—	—	—

Except for a few isolated cases, domestic water supplies are received from the town's mains.

Swimming Baths

The Corporation Baths have the following bathing accommodation :—

- 1 large Swimming Bath (100 ft. x 40 ft. — 120,000 gals.).
- 35 Private Slipper Baths (22 Gents' and 13 Ladies').
- 3 Zotofoam Baths.

The swimming bath water is purified by "Bells" Filtration Plant, having a $2\frac{1}{2}$ —3 hour turnover.

The pumps extract 15,000 gallons of water from the top and a similar amount from the bottom hourly.

Chlorination is maintained constantly at 0.5 parts/million throughout the bath.

Tests are taken two and three times per day also for alkilinity at 7.0/7.6 Ph. to give perfect filtration.

Warm showers are provided to enable each bather to wash under fresh, clean, running water before entering the swimming bath.

The private slipper baths are fitted with unlimited supplies of hot and cold water.

Zotofoam sweating baths are provided on a modern scale with shampoo and rest rooms. Brine and Pine are also given with these baths.

Zotofoam baths provide the advantages of a Turkish Bath without the use of a very hot room, the room being kept at approximately 80 deg. F.

The attendances at the Baths during the year 1961 were as follows :—

Swimming Baths	..	..	..	98,241
Private Slipper Baths	..	..	..	33,894
Zotofoam Sweating Bath	..	..	..	1,864
Total				<hr/> 133,999 <hr/>

A wash-house was opened in 1954 with six End Loading Wash Machines taking 26 lbs. of washing, and three Self Balancing Hydro's for drying.

Each woman is allocated her own machine, along with a deep sink with unlimited hot water for woollens, etc.

Attendance at Wash-house, 1961	..	9,122
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I am indebted to Mr. W. H. Vollum, M.N.A.B.S., the Baths Superintendent, for kindly supplying me with much information and for his co-operation in matters connected with the general arrangements.

Eight samples of water from the Public Baths were taken during the year by officers of the Department and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination. All were satisfactory.

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE AND WORK CARRIED OUT DURING 1961 BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

GENERAL SANITATION—	<i>No. of visits</i>
Accumulations	106
Animals, etc.	10
Ashbins	1
Caravans	48
Conversions	1,150
Dirty houses	24
Drainage	1,302
Drain tests : Smoke	92
Colour	110
Olfactory	24
Factories with power	132
Factories without power	11
Houses let in lodgings	10
Interviews with owners, etc.	769
Offensive smells	37
Offensive trades	—
Offices (P.H.A. 1936)	1
Outworkers	4
Passages, etc.	128
Pet Animals Act	9
Piggeries	16
Places of Entertainment	3
Public Conveniences	103
Rats and mice	359
Refuse tips	5
Schools	6
Shops Act	—
Water supply	2
Workplaces	7
Yards	1
Miscellaneous	726

							<i>No. of visits</i>
INFECTIOUS DISEASES—							
Enquiries into cases	..	..	..	..	..	..	142
Re-visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Visits to contacts	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Disinfections	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT—							
Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Waste Foods Order	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
VERMINOUS PREMISES—							
No. inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Re-visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
CLEAN AIR ACT—							
Smoke Observations : Industrial	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Domestic	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Smoke Control Areas :							
Advisory visits : Industrial	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Domestic	..	..	..	..	..	..	427
Revisits : Industrial	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Domestic	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,728
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
HOUSING—							
Public Health Act :							
No. of houses inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	840
Re-visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,276
Housing Act :							
No. of houses inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	514
Re-visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	472
Overcrowding :							
No. of houses inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Re-visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Rent Act, 1957 :							
No. of houses inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Re-visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Small Dwellings Acquisition Act :							
No. of houses inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	148
Re-visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Improvement Grants : Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	11

INSPECTION OF FOODS—

Bakehouses and/or Confectioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
Restaurants, Cafes, Snack Bars	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Clubs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fishmongers, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—
Food preparers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69
Ice-cream makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Ice-cream vendors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Licensed premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Markets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
Meat shops, stores, stalls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107
Milk purveyors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Milk shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	985
Sweet shops, minerals, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Others	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

In pursuance of the provisions of the above Act, 3 adults were interred during 1961, the arrangements for the burials being undertaken by the officers of your Committee.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health, including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.				
Premises (1)	Number of			
	No. on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
Factories with Mechanical Power	297	133	8	—
Factories without Mechanical Power	6	18	—	—
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises) ..	16	—	—	—
Total	319	151	8	—
2. DEFECTS FOUND				
Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences { Insufficient ..	8	5	—	—
(S.7) { Unsuitable or	1	1	—	—
{ Defective	—	—	—	—
{ Not Separate for Sexes ..	—	—	—	—
Other Offences ..	—	—	—	—
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937) ..	—	—	—	—
Total	8	5	—	—

