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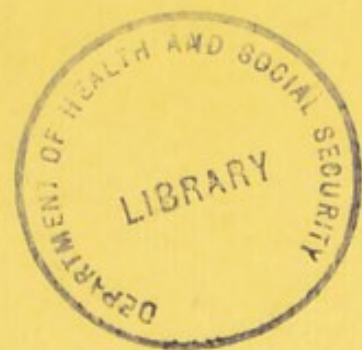
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

**To the Chairman and Members of the Cheadle Rural District Council**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In framing my twentieth annual report to you I have again tried to avoid a re-hash of something stale and not very appetising. This report must, of necessity, be something of a hotch potch of statistics demanded by the Ministry, of attempts to set out all that has occurred during the year, of what are to me problems and excitement of control of disease and of attempts to record happenings which would make some contribution to local history.

To myself each report has assumed a different title.

With the assumption in 1964 that the report should aim at:—

1. A record of the year's events and achievements
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I have in my own mind tried to give each year's report a different outlook. For this year, 1968, I am trying to give some idea of the problems in which the Councillor has to adjudicate. I can not attempt to make this at all comprehensive. I can not attempt to discuss hundreds of decisions of why a house should or should not be built on a particular site. But I hope I can give some idea of the problems put to the Councillor.

I would again offer my thanks to the Councillors and my colleagues for their help and sympathy during the year.

I hope Local Government may remain as we have known it.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. TOMLIN.

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## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Chairman of the Rural District Council

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Clerk of the Council

Mr. H. W. HENSON, Barrister at Law

### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1968

Chairman: Mr. F. G. Taylor

Members: Mrs. H. M. Gardner, Mrs. M. K. Harris (commenced 22/11/68) Mrs. F. Hilditch, Miss A. K. Makeig-Jones, Mrs. S. A. Ratcliffe, Mrs. J.C. Slinn, Mrs. O.L. Sommerville, Messrs. J.J. Ainsworth, (commenced 2/8/68) S. Alexander, S.R. Arrowsmith, R. Barnes A. Bogges, A. Bradley, J.E. Brassington, W. Brown, F. Brunt, R.L. Carr P. Clowes, J.C. Cope, G.S. Eyre, W. Fletcher, F.R. Ford, J.R. Goodwin, S.E. Goodwin, N. Heathcote, C. Howarth, J. Johnson, R. Johnson T. Johnson, H.J. Jones, J.A. Keates, J.W. Lowe, A.K. Malkin, C.R. Marren (membership terminated 5th July, 1968) A. Mountford, G. Northwood, G.W. Plant, W. Podmore, J. Price, H.L. Richardson, J.A. Rushton, J. Shirley, J.H. Simcock, J.T. Smith, G. Snow, G.M. Tait, F.G. Taylor, P.W.A. Tonkinson, W.A. Townson (membership terminated 27/9/68) T.H. Willis.

### PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

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T.W. Wood, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector, (commenced 1/1/68)

B.E. Alcock, Clerk.

S.A. Harrison, Clerk.

H.E. Mosley, Rodent Operative.

## STAFF—ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

J.W. Burton, M.I.P.H.E., M.R.S.H., Engineer and Surveyor.  
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V. Buttress, Clerk.  
D. Hammond, Clerk.  
M. Jackson, Shorthand Typist.  
C.E. Goodwin, Typist.  
J.E. Barker, Typist.

### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres . . . . .	59,843
Registrar General's Mid-Year estimate of Population	39,020
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book	11,913
Rateable Value . . . . .	£1,182,890 0 0
Sum representing a penny rate . . . . .	£4,758 8 0 $\frac{1}{4}$

### 3. SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT

The general level of prosperity and employment remained satisfactory.

The 'Meals on Wheels' scheme originally tried out in the parish of Cheadle was extended to the parishes and villages of Cheadle, Tean, Draycott and Kingsley. 6,127 meals were supplied at a cost to the Council of £311-15-7.

The Council was faced with the problem of what to do about tenants who, by old age and infirmity, were unable to maintain their gardens. It was agreed that "aged or incapacitated tenants with no gainfully employed persons living with them" should have their gardens maintained by the Council.

No action under Section 67 of the National Assistance Act of 1968 had to be taken during the year.



#### 4. HEALTH STATISTICS

These statistics are called for by the Ministry of Health.

Table I comprises statistics supplied by the Registrar General with various birth and death rates based thereon.

Table II lists deaths from certain specified causes.

Table III shown later in the report lists the numbers, sex and age incidence of notifiable infectious disease.

TABLE I

POPULATION OF RURAL DISTRICT (Mid-Year estimate)	39,020
LIVE BIRTHS.	
Number—378 males, 360 females .. .. .	738
*Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	23.5
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births .. .. .	2.9
STILLBIRTHS	
Number .. .. .	7
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .. .. .	15.2
TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS .. .. .	745
INFANT DEATHS (under 1 year) .. .. .	12
INFANT MORTALITY RATES	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .. .. .	19.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ..	17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births ..	2
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births .. .. .	7.9
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (Deaths under one week per 1,000 total of population) .. .. .	4.2
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still- births) .. .. .	14
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)	
Number of Deaths .. .. .	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths .. .. .	Nil
DEATH AT ALL AGES—262 males, 221 females .. .. .	483
*Death Rate per 1,000 of population .. .. .	12.2

(\*Registrar General's Comparability factor used in estimation of this rate Births 1.00, Deaths 0.90)

TABLE I (1968)

## DEATHS FROM SPECIFIC DISEASES

Pulmonary Tuberculosis . . . . .	2	—
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis . . . . .	1	—
Infectious diseases other than Tuberculosis . . . . .	2	1
Cancer of stomach . . . . .	6	5
Cancer of lung . . . . .	13	3
Cancer of uterus . . . . .	—	5
Cancer of breast . . . . .	—	8
Leukaemia . . . . .	3	1
Other malignant disease . . . . .	25	22
Diabetes . . . . .	5	1
Strokes, etc. . . . .	26	37
Coronary heart disease and angina . . . . .	55	41
Other heart diseases . . . . .	22	23
Pneumonia . . . . .	23	25
Bronchitis . . . . .	13	4
Other Respiratory diseases . . . . .	2	—
Nephritis . . . . .	1	1
Congenital malformations . . . . .	4	1
Motor accidents . . . . .	4	2
All other accidents . . . . .	5	5
Suicide . . . . .	4	1
Alimentary tract diseases . . . . .	7	1

**Comments on Health Statistics**

The Registrar General's estimate of the Mid-Year population of the rural district rose from 38,560 in 1967 to 39,020 in 1968, 244 due to excess of births over deaths and 216 due to immigration into the district.

The adjusted life/birth rate of 23.5 per 1,000 population compared favourably with the national rate of 18.9 per 1,000. The adjusted death rate of 12.2 per 1,000 was slightly lower than the national figure of 12.4 per 1,000.

The Infant mortality rate of 19.0 per 1,000 live births was above the national average of 16.0 per 1,000 live births.

These variations are unlikely to be of any statistical significance.

The live births illegitimacy rate of 2.9 per cent of all live births remains satisfactorily low.

STATISTICAL TABLE III (1968).

	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Measles (excluding Rubella)		Dysentery	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Numbers Originally Notified (all ages)	13	7	18	18	45	23	1	...
Final Numbers after Correction								
Under 1	...	...	2	1	3	2	...	...
1	...	...	1	4	4	...	...	...
2	1	1	1	3	6	5	...	...
3	2	1	2	1	11	1	1	...
4	4	...	1	2	7	4	...	...
5—9	6	4	11	6	14	10	...	...
10—14	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
15—24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25 and over	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Age unknown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL (all ages)	13	7	18	18	45	23	1	...

	Acute Pneumonia		Erysipelas		Food Poisoning	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Numbers originally Notified (all ages)	1	1	1	...	...	1
Final Numbers after Correction						
Under 5	...	...	...	...	...	...
5—14	...	...	...	...	...	...
15—44	...	1	1	...	...	1
45—64	...	...	1	...	...	...
65 and over	...	...	...	...	...	...
Age unknown	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL (all ages)	1	1	1	...	...	1

	Infective Jaundice		Tuberculosis Pulmonary		Tuberculosis Others		Meningitis	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Numbers Originally Notified (all ages)	2	3	5	1	...	...	...	...
Final Numbers after Correction								
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2—4 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5—9 years	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
10—14 years	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15—19 years	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
20—24 years	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
25—34 years	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
35—44 years	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
45—54 years	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
55—64 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65—74 years	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
75 years and over	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Age unknown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total (all ages)	2	3	5	1	...	...	...	...
Other infectious disease—Pueral pyrexia	...	...	2	(notified and confirmed)				

## 5. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASE

As will be seen from Statistical Table III we had in 1968 no epidemic of the common notifiable infectious diseases.

It was satisfactory that no cases at all were recorded of the following more serious infectious diseases:—

Small-pox, diphtheria, poliomyelitis, meningococcal meningitis or typhoid fever. And we had only one case of food poisoning.

Of non-notifiable infectious diseases, the following number of cases were reported from schools:—

Chicken Pox	50	Mumps	63
Rubella	12	Impetigo	2
	Conjunctivitis		1

A rather sad and unusual exercise in the prevention of infectious diseases occurred when it was reported that some birds in an aviary in the district had come from a dealer whose stock was affected with psittacosis (Parrot Disease). This is a disease of birds which is transmissible to man. We had the unhappy task of destroying something like a hundred small cage birds, and in so doing were grateful for the advice and active assistance of the local inspector of the R. S. P. C. A. who cheerfully risked not only the possibility of infection but also of accidentally gassing himself as well as the birds.

I am indebted to the office of the County Council's Leek Area Health Committee for the following statistics relating to immunisation in the Rural District in 1968—

Births in 1967		685
Vaccinations against Diphtheria, Polio and Tetanus	560	Acceptance rate 82%
Vaccination against Poliomyelitis	560	Acceptance rate 82%
Vaccination against small-pox	263	Acceptance rate 38%

## 6. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

These were dealt with at length in my report for 1964 and have remained unchanged. For the benefit of new members of the Council an abbreviated account is as follows:—

### **General, Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Services.**

- a. Fourteen general medical practitioners resident in the District — others from Leek, Stoke-on-Trent, Uttoxeter and Ashbourne have patients in the Rural District. Cover adequate.
- b. Two dental surgeons in Cheadle. Also school dental clinic. Cover better than in recent years but inevitably much travelling is needed to obtain dental treatment.
- c. Dispensing chemists in Cheadle and Cheddleton.
- d. Opticians in Cheadle.

### **Local Health Authority Services (Staffs. County Council.)**

Domiciliary Nursing and Midwifery—Twelve District Nurse—Midwives.

Health visitors—Four full-time and five part-time Health visitors who also act as School Nurses.

Infant Welfare Centres—in Cheadle, Blythe Bridge, Tean, Werrington and Cheddleton.

Chiropody—at Cheadle Clinic and home visiting.

Ante-Natal Clinic and Relaxation Classes in Cheadle.

Home Help Service—Throughout the District.

Care and After-Care Service—With nursing appliances made available through depots maintained by the St. John and Red Cross organisations.

Welfare foods available from Clinics and by van delivery in remoter areas

Ambulance Service—Station at Cheadle, wireless control.

### **Hospital Consultant Service.**

Hospital for acute cases in the Potteries.

St. Edwards Mental Hospital at Cheddleton.

Chronic Sick at Bucknall and in the Cheadle and Rakeway Hospitals.

Maternity cases must go to the Potteries or Leek.

## Laboratory Facilities.

Public Health Laboratory Service, Area Laboratory, Stafford.  
The County Analyst, Stafford.

This summary is by no means comprehensive.

During the year the Council considered the need for a doctor's surgery and clinic and a chemist's shop in the rapidly growing Werrington area, and decided that land should be made available for a Chemists shop on the Cote Hill site should a suitable applicant be found.

The Council also requested the County Council to consider the provision of a Health Centre at Werrington.

Nothing materialised in this matter during the year.

## 7. FOOD AND NUTRITION

As stated in previous years we have at present no real problems. A few elderly people through habit and indifference do not get a balanced diet. A few young people present a problem by over-eating.

So long as our financial position allows us to buy what is in the shops there is no worry.

Should we be faced with hard times we would do well to think again as to how our money should best be spent.

	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
<b>Safety and Cleanliness of Milk.</b>		
Samples tested for Tuberculosis . . . . .	10	—
Samples Metyhlene Blue tested . . . . .	470	17
Samples Phosphatase tested . . . . .	405	—
Samples Turbidity tested . . . . .	2	—
Samples Ring Tested for Brucellosis . . . . .	76	5
Samples Biologically Tested for Brucellosis . . . . .	15	4

The Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for the cleanliness of the farm.

The collection of samples is done by the County Council. Testing of these samples is done by the Area Public Health Laboratory. The District Council is responsible for controlling the sale of milk which is suspected of being liable to transmit infectious disease to man.

During the year three cases of unsound food were reported to the Council in which legal proceedings were taken against the vendors. Details are in the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report.

Legal proceedings were also taken against a milk retailer for selling milk from a brucellosis infected herd in contravention of an order requiring it to be heat treated.

## **8. WATER SUPPLIES**

I am indebted to the Engineer, Manager and Clerk of the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board for the following report on the Board's services to the Rural District.

### **Extension of Supplies.**

Following considerable delays, due to the outbreak of the Foot and Mouth Epidemic, the scheme to supply the Dale, Alton, was completed by my board in July, 1968. In addition small extensions were carried out on a limited number of housing development sites within the rural district.

### **Difficulty of Supply.**

Complaints of difficulty of supply were received from 3 farms situated at Lower Tean. Investigations revealed that at periods of maximum demand a failure occurred in the supply to these premises. Subsequent remedial measures have now restored a satisfactory supply.

### **Purity and results of sampling.**

During 1968 bacteriological examinations on 116 samples were made, of which 44 were of untreated waters at the sources, and 72 of chlorinated water going into supply. All samples taken were free from faecal contamination, with the exception of a sample taken in Alton Village on 23rd September, 1968. A broken main had occurred in Alton during the week-end of 22nd September, 1968 causing premature emptying of the vessel containing chlorine solution at Ganderwell Springs. Chlorination was at once increased for the area for a few days. All further samples were of high bacterial purity. 45 Chemical samples were analysed and all samples were shown as being of high organic quality. No lead has been found in any of the samples analysed.

### **Cheadle (Staffs.) Water Works Company Ltd.**

The water supply from this company, serving the major portion of the Cheadle township, is not under the control of the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board and Chemical and Bacteriological samples have been taken by the Chief Public Health Inspector and the water supply is of satisfactory quality.

## 9. DISPOSAL OF WASTES

Details of sewerage and refuse disposal are given in the report of the Engineer and Surveyor.

The Council was concerned about the non-availability of land for refuse tipping as it was foreseen that a major problem might arise.

Complaints were received of nuisance from over-filling of dustbins when holidays and sickness caused a delay in the weekly collection. The Council agreed to a trial of paper sack collection at the new Hammersley Hayes estate.

## 10. HOUSING

Comments on various aspects of housing are made in the reports of the Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

Constructive work by the Unfit Properties Visiting Sub-Committee resulted in 41 houses being scheduled as having a life up to 5 years before being deemed unfit for habitation and 12 houses as having an expected life of 10 years.

The Council also considered the need for inspection of electrical wiring in Council Houses following the discovery of defective wiring in the older houses in Alton village. At the same time it was decided to review the possibility of modernisation of the older Council houses.

I would again bring up to date the table which shows the trend of housing activities in the District.



	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
1. Population of District	39020	38560	37200	37670	41680	41120
2. Number of inhabited houses . . . . .	11913	11498	10914	10459	12099	12009
3. Total built during year..	602	486	607	495	356	314
4. Number built by Council..	95	13	30	48	21	26
5. Number built by private.. enterprise	507	473	577	447	335	288
6. Number of improvement grants made . . . . .	94	76	60	99	67	53
7. Number of houses repaired following action by Health Department under Public Health Acts . . . . .	27	40	94	116	132	235
8. Number of grants for closet conversion . . . . .	14	16	13	41	66	59
9. Number of unfit properties dealt with by Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertaking . . . . .	56	14	48	21	28	29
10. Guarantees to Building Societies . . . . .	8	30	56	70	45	102

## 11. .REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the work carried out by my department during the year 1968. We have been fortunate this year in that there has been no change in the staff, Mr. T. Wood having commenced with the Council on 1st January, 1968.

In general, the work of the department has continued normally, but there has been increasing concentration on housing, particularly in respect of improvement and demolition. The demolition of properties has brought about a consequent increase in the number of Council Houses let and during the year I circularised all under/occupied and over/occupied Council houses in the area in order to ascertain tenants who were anxious to move to larger or smaller accommodations, as required. Although the enquiry did not produce the result expected, the information obtained was put to good use in the allocation of the new houses and bungalows erected at Hammersley Hayes, in that many exchanges were brought about in order to provide more satisfactory accommodation for some tenants living in overcrowded conditions and bungalow accommodation for tenants living in houses which they considered too large for their present need.

Despite the increasing work on Housing, other work of the Department has continued to be carried out and the figures for inspection and visits remain substantially similar to those for the previous year.

The imported Food Regulations, 1968 came into operation on 1st August 1968. It was not thought that these regulations would affect the work of the Department but in practise, it has been found that one large transport depot within the District is dealing with a considerable amount of sealed container traffic, and it is necessary for the staff to carry out examination of the imported goods when the containers are opened at the depot.

The White Paper "Old Houses into New Homes", issued in April 1968 was fully reported to the Council and I was authorised to inform all owners of unfit houses on which orders had been made of the possible change in law, particularly with regard to compensation provisions and this action, I believe, saved many owners a considerable amount of unnecessary worry.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936**

### **Repair of Houses.**

27 houses have been repaired; 21 as a result of informal action and 6 as a result of formal action.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936—Section 47.**

14 houses have had privies replaced by water closets.

The Total grant paid in respect of these replacements was £465-14-6, an average of £33-5-4 per property.

### **RENT ACT, 1957.**

No certificates of Dis-repair or cancellations have been issued.

### **HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958.**

### **HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959.**

### **HOUSING ACT 1961-1964.**

94 applications were received; of these 40 were for Discretionary Grant, and 54 for Standard Grant.

The amount of grant undertaken to be paid in respect of Discretionary Grant was £11,222-10-0., an average of £280-11-3 per property. This compares with £259-17-8. last year.

As is known, the grant for Standard Grants is based on a maximum restricted to half the proved expenditure subject to a maximum controlled by the amenities provided.

The total agreed to be paid was £4704-9-3 in respect of 54 grants, an average of £97-2-5 per property.

Of the 54 Standard Grants approved, 23 were for the higher limit of grant as defined in the Housing Act 1964, Section 46 (3). Of the 23, 12 had buildings provided, 9 had septic tanks provided and two had both buildings and septic tanks provided.

In all there were provided 42 baths, 44 wash hand basins, 43 hot water supplies, 53 water closets and 34 food stores.

## HOUSING ACT, 1957-1961.

Demolition Orders have been made in respect of 51 houses and Closing Orders in respect of 5.

The properties affected are:

- 117 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 4/6 Ashbourne Road, Cheadle.
- 8 Ashbourne Road, Cheadle.
- 10 Ashbourne Road, Cheadle.
- 34 Chapel Street, Cheadle.
- 50 Lid Lane, Cheadle.
- 27 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 29 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 31 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 101 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 103 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 121 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 123 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 22 Prince George Street, Cheadle.
- 24 Prince George Street, Cheadle.
- 28 Prince George Street, Cheadle.
- 30 Prince George Street, Cheadle.
- 43 Prince George Street, Cheadle.
- 45 Prince George Street, Cheadle.
- 47 Prince George Street, Cheadle.
- 49 Prince George Street, Cheadle.
- 41 Tape Street, Cheadle.
- 43 Tape Street, Cheadle.
- 45 Tape Street, Cheadle.
- 47 Tape Street, Cheadle.
- 39 Town End, Cheadle.
- 41 Town End, Cheadle.
- 17 Well Street, Cheadle.
- 19 Well Street, Cheadle.
- 21 Well Street, Cheadle.
- 23 Well Street, Cheadle.
- 50 Well Street, Cheadle.
- 52 Well Street, Cheadle.
- 54 Well Street, Cheadle.
- 56 Well Street, Cheadle.
- 119 Mill Road, Cheadle.
- 27 Well Street, Cheadle.
- Blakehall Cottage, Nr. Cheadle.
- Blakehall Farm, Nr. Cheadle.

Church View, Whiston.  
Smithy Lane, Mobberley, Nr. Cheadle (occ. Naylor).  
Smithy Lane, Mobberley, Nr. Cheadle (occ. Kirkland).  
Smithy Lane, Mobberley, Nr. Cheadle (occ. Sellars).  
3 Oldridge Cottages, Whiston.  
Grove Bungalow, Longton Road, Cellarhead.  
5 Eaves Lane, Cheadle.  
Woodville Cottage, The Firs, Hollington.  
51 The Green, Kingsley.  
The Cottage, The Firs, Hollington.  
1 Sunnyside, Kingsley.  
35 Cheadle Road, Forsbrook.

### **Closing Orders.**

51 Prince George Street, Cheadle.  
3 Star Bank Cottages, Cotton.  
Little Hayes Cottages, Woodhead.  
12 Queen Street, Cheadle.  
26 Plant Street, Cheadle.

### **FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955**

We have received complaints concerning:

A cigarette end in a piece of cheese.  
Mould in a loaf of Bread.  
Mould in 4oz. carton of cottage cheese.  
Mould in Meat and Potatoe pies.  
Foreign body in a bottle of milk.  
Foreign body in a cream bun.

No formal action was taken in respect of the complaints concerning the cigarette end in a piece of cheese, the foreign body in a bottle of milk and the foreign body in a cream bun, but manufacturers were informed. In the complaint concerning mould in a loaf of bread the case was dismissed. In the complaint concerning mould in cottage cheese, the defendants were fined £7 with costs of £10-10-0 and in the complaint concerning mould in meat and potatoe pies, the defendants were fined £25 with costs of £21-15-0.

### **POULTRY INSPECTION.**

Regular visits continue to be made to slaughtering establishments and 29,721 poultry have been seen during the year. There are few condemnations, this probably due to selective buying.

## FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

The number of premises subject to the above mentioned regulations is—

- (i) 303
- (ii) The number of premises complying with Regulation 16. 291
- (iii) The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies  
288
- (iv) The number of premises complying with Regulation 19. 287

The majority of the premises in the District affected by the Regulations are small retail shops of the general store type, catering establishments, licensed premises and butchers' shop's.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The department has continued to operate the Act and 112 visits have been made to premises coming within the provisions of the Act.

Two accidents were reported during the year.

TABLE 'A' Registration and General Inspection.

Class of premises	Total No. of Premises registered	No. of registered premises at end of year	No of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year
Offices .. .. .	4	29	16
Retail shops .. .. .	6	113	63
Wholesale shops, warehouses .. .. .	—	4	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens .. .. .	3	26	32
Fuel storage depots .. .. .	—	26	32

TABLE 'B' Number of visits of all kinds made by Inspectors to Registered premises. . . . . 112

TABLE 'C' Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace.

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices . . . . .	365
Retail Shops . . . . .	393
Wholesale Departments, warehouses . . . . .	22
Catering establishments open to the public . . . . .	175
Canteens . . . . .	—
Fuel storage depot . . . . .	—
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>955</b>
total males . . . . .	336
Total females . . . . .	619

## HOUSING

The department has again this year supplied each member of the Council with a comprehensive report on all applicants for Council accommodation.

### LETTINGS DURING THE YEAR.

New 2 bedroom bungalows . . . . .	40
New bungalows (welfare) . . . . .	12
New houses . . . . .	79
Houses re-let . . . . .	40
Bungalows re-let (welfare) . . . . .	6
House exchanges . . . . .	9
Lodgers . . . . .	32
Caravan lettings . . . . .	12
Garages . . . . .	41

## **The Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928-1936.**

My department continues to operate the provisions of the Acts and the Standards of construction I have recommended to the Council to adopt.

I repeat my statement of last year that this is one duty I consider is completely extraneous to a Health Department and as I believe the main object of the control of storage of petroleum is to prevent a fire hazard the duty ought to be that of the Fire Service.

## **THEATRES ACT, 1843**

## **CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909-1952.**

All licensed premises have been visited both for routine annual licence renewal purposes and during the course of use of premises.

## **SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958.**

There are 16 slaughterhouses in the district all visited regularly.

Each slaughterhouse has been inspected by a Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and only minor defects of lack of maintenance found.



**CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN  
WHOLE OR IN PART**

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. .. .	1118	179	832	6973	1705
Number Inspected .. .. .	1118	179	832	6973	1705
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned .. .. .	—	1	4	10	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	192	72	8	667	109
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercosis	17.17	40.22	.96	9.56	6.39
<b>Tuberculosis Only</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	30
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1.75
<b>Cysticercosis</b>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .. .. .	3	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration .. .. .	3	—	—	—	—
Generalised Cysticercosis and carcasses totally condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following table shows the number of inspections carried out to the various types of properties within the District.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Business Premises	Agricultural
Number of properties in Local Authority's District .. .. .	29	11097	1452	871
Number of properties inspected as a result of notification .. .. .	—	84	29	11
Number of such properties found to be infested by ..				
Common Rat—Major .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Minor .. .. .	—	71	17	10
House Mouse—Major .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Minor .. .. .	—	13	11	—
Number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act .. .. .	102	464	76	50
Number of such properties found to be infested by ..				
Common Rat—Major .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Minor .. .. .	97	239	75	17
House Mouse—Major .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Minor .. .. .	3	—	—	—
Number of infested properties treated by the Local Authority .. .. .	100	323	103	27
Number of 'Block' control schemes carried out ..	3			
				covering 44 properties
Number of Contracts .. .. .		28		
Amount of Contracts .. .. .		£203-10-0		
Number of properties treated (chargeable) .. .. .		37		
Amount of Charge .. .. .		£58-16-0		

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Number on Register . . . . .	93
Number using Mechanical Power . . . . .	91
Number of Inspections . . . . .	94

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

Particulars	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority . . . . .	2	1	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	91	93	12	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises) . . . . .	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>

- (2) Cases in which defects were found to exist.

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
<b>Ineffective drainage of floors</b>	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S7) . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—
(a) insufficient . . . . .	1	1	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective..	30	10	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes . .	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

### Number of Houses Made Fit:

After Informal Action .. . . . .	21
By Owner after Statutory Notice .. . . . .	6

### Visits

Complaints — Houses .. . . . .	89
Complaints — Others .. . . . .	109
First Visits, Conversions .. . . . .	37
Revisits, Conversions.. . . . .	38
Number of Conversions completed .. . . . .	15
First Visits, Drainage .. . . . .	272
Revisits, Drainage .. . . . .	179
Levelling .. . . . .	4
Water Samples — Public .. . . . .	29
Water Samples — Private .. . . . .	35
Water Supplies .. . . . .	8
Deposit Gauges .. . . . .	27
Bacteriological Specimens .. . . . .	2
Infectious Disease .. . . . .	75
Food Samples .. . . . .	1
Improvement Grants .. . . . .	627
Completed — Standard .. . . . .	22
Completed — Discretionary .. . . . .	31
Unfit Food .. . . . .	9
Revisits and Other Visits .. . . . .	639
Diary .. . . . .	1

### Special Inspection

### Contraventions

	Visits	Abated	Found
Housing Applicants .. . . . .	183	....	....
Tenancy Exchange .. . . . .	179	....	....
Tenancy Transfers .. . . . .	4	....	....
Lodgers .. . . . .	8	....	....
Theatres and Cinemas .. . . . .	7	....	....
Hairdressers .. . . . .	....	....	....
Tips .. . . . .	....	....	....
Pet Shops .. . . . .	....	....	....
Boarding Kennels .. . . . .	....	....	....
Petroleum .. . . . .	19	....	2
Caravan Site .. . . . .	....	....	....
Clean Air — General .. . . . .	3	....	2
Clean Air — Factory .. . . . .	4	....	1
Gut Scraper .. . . . .	5	1	2
Knacker .. . . . .	....	....	....
Rodent Control .. . . . .	3	....	1



## 12. .SURVEYOR'S REPORT

### HOUSING

The number of houses completed within the Rural District during the year are as follows:

Built by Local Authority .. .. .	95
Built by Private Development .. .. .	507
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	602
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#### Local Authority Housing.

##### Cheadle (Hammersley Hayes Site)

This estate consists of 77 houses, 31 bungalows and 50 garages, and the contract with Messrs. George Wimpey and Co., Ltd., was accepted for £388,352. The laying of the sewers and the preliminary construction of the streetworks have been completed. At the end of the year 61 dwellings are completed and occupied and the remaining 47 dwellings are under construction.

##### Kingsley

The scheme at The Green has been completed which included 8 houses and 12 one-bedroom welfare bungalows for aged persons, together with 5 garages. The accepted tender for this estate, including dwellings and streetworks, was £51,879. The completed development now provides an attractive estate fitting in unobtrusively with the existing village.

##### Ipstones

The scheme for the erection of 14 houses at Far Lane has been completed and all are occupied. The tender price for the scheme was £45,890.

## **Werrington**

In 1967 the Council acquired a site of approximately 7 acres at Cotehill, as an extension to the Council's existing Stonehouse Road estate. A layout for the whole of the site has been prepared which will provide for approximately 42 dwellings, together with lock-up garages.

The Council have prepared a scheme for the immediate erection of 6 houses, 18 one-bedroom bungalows and 15 garages. The documents are now being finalised and tenders are being invited.

The accepted contract tender for the streetworks and sewers was £18,920 and the preliminary works have been completed.

## **Waterhouses**

The Council have acquired a site of approximately 4.03 acres in Waterfall Lane, and a layout has been prepared for the first stage which will provide for 12 dwellings and 15 garages with streetworks and sewers.

As the site is within the boundaries of the Peak National Park, it has been necessary to consult with the Peak Park Planning Board on the planning of the estate. The Board have insisted on the careful choice of materials for any dwellings erected on the estate and accordingly the external walls will be faced with re-constructed limestone blocks with dark grey concrete slate roof, to harmonise with the materials existing in this locality.

Tenders for this contract have been obtained and the Council have accepted the tender figure of £41,155 for the construction of the 12 dwellings and 15 garages.

Tenders were also invited for the construction of the streetworks and sewers on this site and a tender for £9,460 has been accepted by the Council.

## **Private Enterprise Housing**

During the year a total of 507 dwellings were erected and completed by private builders and at the end of the year there are in addition 221 dwellings under construction.

## **Planning Department**

During the year the Council considered 1,162 plans and applications submitted under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts and the Building Regulations.

The number approved by the Council was 1,056 and 106 were refused.

Included in the total number of plans there were 448 planning applications which were given decisions following the joint consideration of the Staffordshire County Council and the Cheadle Rural District Council.



## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

### 1) Waterhouses Sewerage Scheme.

This comprehensive sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for the drainage of Waterhouses, Cauldon and Hoften's Cross was brought into operation and connections are now being made. The Contract figure is £92,000.

### 2) Whiston Sewerage Scheme.

Following the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to this scheme, tenders have been received and a contract placed in the sum of £43,000.

Work commenced in September and good progress is being made. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed towards the end of 1969.

### 3) Cheadle Sewage Purification Works.

This old purification works was re-opened in 1965 in order that development in the area could proceed pending the extensions at the Deadman's Green purification works i.e. Blithe Valley Joint Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.

When the extensions to this later works have been completed, the sewage from the Cheadle area will be diverted back into the Regional scheme.

The Cheadle works will then deal solely with storm flows.

### 4) Dilhorne Sewerage Scheme.

A scheme for the drainage of Dilhorne at an estimated cost of £60,000 was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1966. Technical approval was received in 1967 but construction was delayed due to government restriction on capital works.

Representations were made to the Ministry in May 1968 for consent to proceed and approval was received to invite tenders in July. A further delay was caused by difficulties in acquiring a small area of land for one of the pumping stations but this was overcome by selecting an alternative site.

Quantities have been prepared and the Contract advertised in December and tenders will be considered at the first meeting in 1969.

#### 5) Cheddleton Sewage Purification Works.

A scheme for the extension and modernisation of the Cheddleton purification works at an estimated cost of £66,000 has been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The scheme has been deferred because of the present period of financial restriction.

#### Minor Sewerage Schemes.

#### 6) Armshead Road, and Hulme Lane, Werrington.

A drainage scheme to serve 7 properties at Armshead Road and 11 properties at Hulme Lane has been submitted and approved by the Ministry. Tenders were received in September and a contract let in the sum of £6,475. Work has commenced in December.

#### Caravan Site, Cheadle.

The Caravan Site at Woodhead, Cheadle comprising 20 sites continues to be fully utilised.

#### Household Refuse Collection Service.

The council operates and maintains a fleet of 9 refuse collection vehicles, 4 of which are of the compression type and every effort is made to maintain a weekly collection service to all but the outlying Rural properties. Disposal is effected by controlled tipping in various parts of the district. The acquisition of further sites is constantly under consideration and whilst it is anticipated that sites will eventually be available it may be that in the long term, alternative methods will have to be considered, possibly jointly with adjoining authorities.

## **Nightsoil Collection and emptying of Cesspools and Septic Tanks.**

The Council has agreed to the purchase of a cesspool emptying machine as a part replacement to the present system of a separate tanker and mobile pump.

A demonstration vehicle has shown that a good deal of time can be saved using this specialised vehicle in emptying septic tanks, but the time consuming work of emptying nightsoil pails in the outlying districts still remains. Every effort will be made to ensure that as and when new sewerage schemes are completed, properties will be connected thereto and so gradually reduce the size of this task.

## **Industrial Estate.**

Interest is being maintained in the Council's Industrial Estate. Four factories are now established:

- (i) Precast concrete products;
- (ii) Vehicle exhaust systems;
- (iii) Light engineering;
- (iv) Sandstemming for mine and quarry blasting.

Negotiations are in hand for the disposal of two further sites:

- (i) For the production of ceramics for heating elements.
- (ii) Production of refractory and furnace material.

A survey carried out in October indicated that approximately 85 persons are now employed on the site, who are mainly residents of the Cheadle Rural District.

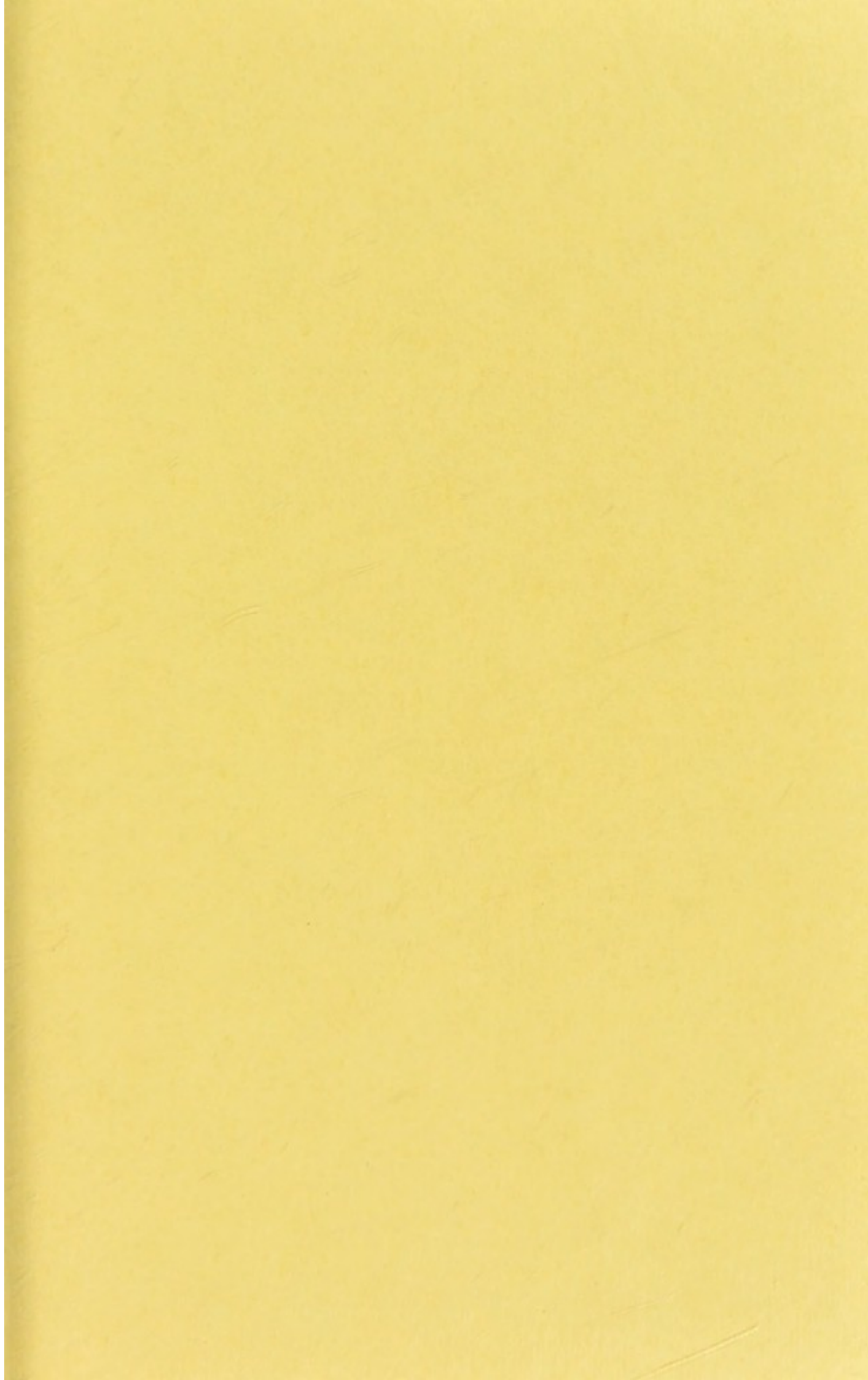
Consideration will be necessary to acquire further land by the Council to provide land in readiness for further extension of the industrial site to meet future demand.

## **Access to Car Park, Cheadle to Tape Street.**

The new access road to the Town car park from Tape Street has been constructed at a cost of £3,500. This road will be used also to service the new block of shops in High Street and so help to reduce the concentration of traffic in the High Street.

## **Bus Shelters.**

The total number of bus shelters erected by the Council is 79 and these are maintained and regularly cleaned by the Council.



A. Jerome Alcock, Printer, Cheadle, Staffs.