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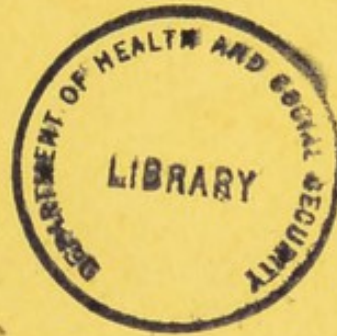
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For the year ending 31st December, 1972

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1. INTRODUCTION

Council Offices
Leek Road
CHEADLE
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire

To the Chairman and Members of the Cheadle Rural District Council.
Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report for 1972.

According to the Registrar General's estimate, the mid-year population showed an increase of 800 on the previous year.

Total live births fell by 95 to 648, a fall reflected in the birth rate from 18.5 to 15.8. At the same time illegitimate births fell from 35 to 20 — perhaps a reflection of increasing knowledge of contraceptive techniques. Stillbirths remained the same in number, but were, of course, in slightly higher ratio because of the fall in total births.

Infant deaths decreased to 7, of which 4 occurred in the immediate post-natal period. Infant mortality rate decreased further to 11 per 1000 births, considerably below the national rate for a further year. Of the 7 deaths only one offered hope of a response to therapy.

Deaths rose by 8 to 449 but the death rate remained the same as in 1971. Of this total, 228, or just over 50%, were due to some form of cardiovascular disease; of these, 99 were due to ischaemic heart disease. These 99 deaths presented the normal differentiation with a heavy preponderance of male victims.

Cancer deaths decreased by 10 in the year, but the number of deaths from lung cancer remained the same at 14, of which number 13 were male deaths, which underlines once again the long term effect of what is predominantly the male habit of cigarette smoking.

There was a considerable increase, to 78, in the number of deaths due to respiratory disease. Pneumonia in extreme old age continued to be the major cause of death in this group, but deaths from the preventable chronic bronchitis and emphysema more than doubled. In respect of this disease, my comments in last year's report continue to hold good and the methods of reducing its incidence remain clear.

The year was a quiet one in respect of notifiable infectious disease, with the exception of a small epidemic of measles affecting chiefly infant school children. Whilst it is true to say that this disease is usually without serious complications today, this may not necessarily hold good and mothers should avail themselves of the opportunity offered by the Health Service for their children to be protected by the simple procedure of a single injection.

It is instructive to read old Annual Reports and to note, for example, that 50 years ago scarlet fever and diphtheria were both presenting major problems and that 25 years ago the District shared in the epidemic of poliomyelitis of that year. Today these diseases have been eliminated as threats by improved hygiene and the ready acceptance of protective immunisation, an acceptance which by some quirk seems so far to be with-held from protection against measles in infancy and against rubella in adolescent girls.

In concluding this brief commentary, I must express my appreciation of the great help given so cheerfully by your Chief Public Health Inspector and all other staff in the Department. To this I add my thanks to your Surveyor for the information and comments he has provided and to the Manager of the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board for his report which is in the body of this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN TOLLAND.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Chairman of the Rural District Council

Miss A. S. MAKEIG-JONES

Vice-Chairman of the Rural District Council

Mr. J. E. BRASSINGTON

Clerk of the Council

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1972

Chairman : H. J. PRICE

Members : Mrs. V. M. Beech, Mrs. E. M. Brunt, Mrs. M. V. Davies, Mrs. H. M. Gardner, Mrs. E. J. Halden, Mrs. M. K. Harris, Mrs. F. Hilditch, Miss A. S. Makig-Jones, Mrs. S. A. Ratcliffe.

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V. Buttress, Clerk.

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S. Higgs, Typist.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	59,843
Registrar General's Mid-Year estimate of population	40,970
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	....	13,489
Rateable Value	.....	£1,339,007
Sum representing a penny rate	.....	£12,642

3. SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT

There have been no changes in the past year worthy of comment. No action was taken under Section 67 of the National Assistance Act, 1968.

4. STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE I (1972)

						Local Authority Area		
						Males	Females	Total
Estimated mid-year home population						—	—	40,970
Live Births								
Total						367	281	648
Legitimate						354	274	628
Illegitimate						13	7	20
Stillbirths								
Total						7	2	9
Legitimate						7	2	9
Illegitimate						—	—	—
Total live and stillbirths								
Total						374	283	657
Legitimate						361	276	637
Illegitimate						13	7	20
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age								
Total						5	2	7
Legitimate						5	2	7
Illegitimate						—	—	—
Under 4 weeks of age								
Total						3	1	4
Legitimate						3	1	4
Illegitimate						—	—	—
Under 1 week of age								
Total						3	1	4
Legitimate						3	1	4
Illegitimate						—	—	—
Deaths — all ages						230	219	449

	Local Authority Area	England and Wales
Live Birth Rates etc.		
Live births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	15.8	14.8
Area comparability factor ... ..	.92	1.00
Local adjusted rate	14.5	14.8
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate ...	.98	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	3	9
Stillbirth rate		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and stillbirths ...	14	12
Infant mortality rates		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	11	17
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	11	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—	21
Neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births ...	6	12
Early neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births ...	6	10
Perinatal mortality rate		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	20	22
Death rates etc., — all ages		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate) ...	11.0	12.1
Area comparability factor ... ..	.92	1.00
Local adjusted rate	10.1	12.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate ... ..	.84	1.00

TABLE II
DEATHS FROM SPECIFIC DISEASES

	Male	Female
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal diseases	1	1
Other Tuberculosis	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal cavity	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	5	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, Bronchus	13	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	—
Leukaemia	2	1
Other malignant neoplasms	12	13
Diabetes Mellitus	1	6
Other endocrine etc., diseases	—	1
Anaemias	—	3
Mental Disorders	—	2
Multiple Sclerosis	1	—
Other diseases of nervous system	3	4
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	4
Hypertensive disease	2	2
Ischaemic heart disease	62	37
Other forms of heart disease	22	24
Cerebrovascular disease	27	32
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	8
Influenza	1	—
Pneumonia	22	28
Bronchitis and emphysema	11	9
Asthma	2	—
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	3
Peptic ulcer	1	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	—
Cirrhosis of liver	—	1
Other diseases of digestive system	—	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	—	2
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	—	1
Congenital anomalies	1	1
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	2	—
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	2	—
Motor vehicle accidents	2	2
All other accidents	5	7
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	4	4
All other external causes	1	—
Total — all causes	230	219

TABLE II (B)

AGES AT DEATH						Male	Female
Infants under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
1 to 4 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5 to 14 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
15 to 24 years	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
25 to 34 years	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
35 to 44 years	...	...	...	...	...	9	3
45 to 54 years	...	...	...	...	...	16	6
55 to 64 years	...	...	...	...	...	43	26
65 to 74 years	...	...	...	...	...	78	61
75 and above	...	...	...	...	...	75	114
Total						230	219

TABLE II (C)

INFANT MORTALITY — DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

Sex	Under 4 weeks	Under 1 year	Cause of death
M	2	—	Birth injury, difficult labour etc.
M	1	—	Other causes of perinatal mortality.
F	1	—	Other causes of perinatal mortality.
M	—	1	Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases.
M	—	1	Congenital anomalies.
F	—	1	Congenital anomalies.
	4	3	

STATISTICAL TABLE III (1972)

				Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Measles (excluding Rubella)		Dysentery	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Number originally notified (all ages)				2	6	2	3	52	69	3	2
Final numbers after correction											
Under 1	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	—
1 year	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	7	4	1	—
2 years	...	...	...	1	—	1	—	10	8	—	—
3 years	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	5	7	—	—
4 years	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	4	8	—	—
5 - 9	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	20	33	—	—
10 - 14	...	...	...	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
15 - 24	...	...	...	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	2
25 and over	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Age unknown	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	...	...	...	2	6	2	3	52	69	3	2

							Food Poisoning	
							M	F
Number originally notified (all ages)							3	7

Final number after correction

Under 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5 to 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
15 - 44	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
45 - 64	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
65 and over	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1

						Tuberculosis	
						Infective Jaundice	
						Pulmonary	Others

						M	F	M	F	M	F
Number originally notified (all ages)						—	1	3	3	—	—

Final number after correction

Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	—
2 - 4 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 9 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 - 14 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 - 19 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 - 24 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—
25 - 34 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 - 44 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
45 - 54 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 - 64 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	1	2	—	—
65 - 74 years	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
75 and over	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	3	3	—	—

TABLE IV
THE TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	Males		Females	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.
Number of cases of Tuberculosis on Register at 31.12.71	10	2	5	—
Notifications received during 1972	3	—	3	—
Cases removed during 1972	—	—	1	—
Number remaining on Register at 31.12.72	13	2	7	—

5. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASE

Other non-notifiable infections reported from schools were :—

3	Suspected Chicken Pox	5	Ringworm
15	Chicken Pox	28	Mumps
26	German Measles	4	Scarlet Fever
2	Scabies	1	Impetigo

From the Leek Area Health Office I have obtained the following figures relating to vaccination and immunisation in the District in 1971.

	Primary	Reinforcing
Triple Immunisation	779	62
Diphtheria only Imm.	1	4
Diphtheria/Tetanus Imm.	28	509
Tetanus only Imm.	67	177
Poliomyelitis Vacc.	824	693
Measles Vacc.	545	—
Rubella	154	—

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Under the provisions of the Health Service and Public Health Act 1968, and relevant Regulations, amendments were made to the list of diseases to be notified to the Medical Officer of Health.

The infectious diseases now to be notified are :—

Acute encephalitis.	Ophthalmia neonatorum.
Acute meningitis.	Paratyphoid fever.
Acute poliomyelitis.	Plague.
Anthrax.	Relapsing Fever.
Cholera.	Scarlet fever.
Diphtheria.	Smallpox.
Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary).	Tetanus.
Infective jaundice.	Tuberculosis.
Leprosy.	Typhoid fever.
Leptospirosis.	Typhus.
Malaria	Whooping Cough.
Measles.	Yellow Fever.

Notification of the diseases listed below is no longer required :—

Acute influenzal pneumonia.

Acute primary pneumonia.

Acute rheumatism.

Erysipelas.

Membranous croup.

Puerperal pyrexia.

Responsibility for notifying a case of suspected case of food poisoning or infectious disease rests exclusively on the medical practitioner attending the patient unless he believes that another practitioner has already notified the case.

The fee payable to a medical practitioner for the notification of a case of infectious disease has been increased from the 12½ pence laid down in the Public Health Act, 1936 to 25 pence.

6. 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.

During 1972 work commenced on the laying of a feeder main in Ashbourne Road to supply housing development at Cheadle.

In addition, extensions were carried out to housing developments in the Alton, Whiston, Ipstones, Cheadle, Werrington, Cheddleton, Caldon Low and Dilhorne areas.

Complaints of difficulty in supply were received from consumers at Whiston and Kingsley Moor. Investigations confirmed that the difficulties occurred at periods of maximum demand and the distribution system in each area has now been reinforced by laying additional mains.

During 1972, bacteriological examinations on 398 samples were made, of which 70 were of untreated waters at the sources, 71 of treated waters at Pumping Stations and 257 of waters in supply at distribution points and consumers' taps. These examinations indicated that all chlorinated water has been of satisfactory quality except in the following instances. E. Coli Type I were present in the treated Ganderwell water on three occasions due to torrential rain causing flooding of the spring thus rendering the normal chlorine dose insufficient. Remedial measures were taken immediately. The Board are investigating the possibility of a completely new chlorination system for this source.

One sample from Kingsley Reservoir indicated the presence of a few E. Coli per ml. The Reservoir was chlorinated immediately. One section of the new main bringing Rangemoor Reservoir water into the area has been completed, and when the remaining section has been done, it will be possible to commence work on the repair of the Kingsley Reservoir roof.

45 chemical samples were analysed, of which 26 were of untreated and treated waters at Pumping Stations and 19 of waters in supply at distribution points and consumer's taps. All samples were shown as being of high chemical and organic analysis. Not more than 0.02 mg/l of lead has been found in any of the samples analysed.

7. DISPOSAL OF WASTES

This important part of the Council's function is continually kept under review and improvements made. Specimens of sewage effluent have continued to be taken from all the treatment works in the area. As will be seen from the report of the Engineer and Surveyor the extension and modernisation of the Sewage Purification Works at Cheddleton was completed in August and the effluent discharged from this works is now of an acceptable standard.

It is pleasing to report that additional areas in the district are being provided with sewers, schemes for Farley, Caverswall, Hollington, Fole and Foxt are in preparation.

Deposit of Poisonous Waste Act 1972 — This Act is to penalise the depositing on land of poisonous noxious or polluting waste so as to give rise to an environmental hazard, and to make offenders liable for any resultant damage. The Act also requires the giving of notices in connection with the removal and deposit of waste.

The Chief Public Health Inspector has been dealing with this matter and one notice of deposit has given rise to concern. The Trent River Authority and the South Staffordshire Water Company have been consulted on this deposit which is taking place in close proximity to a river serving the Water Company. Monitoring of the sub-soil water and river water is being carried out and a new, more controlled tipping procedure designed and put into operation.

8. 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 1972. This has been a year of steady progress with no staff change interrupting the flow of work through the Department. There is little which calls for other than a general comment, that the work of the Department continued in a satisfactory manner.

Re-organisation has been in the minds of all concerned in Local Government and for the elected representative and official alike the re-organisation of Local Government presents a challenge which has to be faced. Under the Local Government Act 1972 many established officers will disappear from the Local Government scene and there are but a few officers who Councils will be required to appoint by statute. The Medical Officer of Health will no longer be appointed by the District Council and the Public Health Inspector will remain as the expert in local authority health matters but although the Medical Officer will no longer be appointed by the District Council I foresee that there will always be the need for a District Council to have use of the expert knowledge of a Medical Officer perhaps under another name.

In the re-housing functions of the Department this has been a particularly frustrating year. Only two dwellings have been added to the housing pool and if it had not been for a larger number of houses becoming vacant, re-housing would have come to almost a standstill. The list of applicants does not appear to reduce from year to year but it is necessary always to have in mind that there are many on the list of applicants who would like better accommodation rather than need better accommodation but having differentiated between these two demands there is still a considerable need for more bungalows and houses in the District.

Circular 50/72 Department of the Environment

This Circular required Councils to provide information concerning the housing conditions in the District by 1st October, 1972.

To obtain the required information necessitated a Sample House Condition Survey being carried out. This took the form of a random selection of houses of one in ten and the results of the Survey categorised as a total number and as a percentage of dwellings in each category.

The figures produced by the Survey are shown in the paragraph headed Housing Act, 1957-1961.

HOUSING ACT 1969 — IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

132 applications were received; of these 52 were for Discretionary Grants and 80 for Standard Grants.

The amount of grant undertaken to be paid in respect of Discretionary Grants was £41,805 an average of £803.39. This compares with £665.48 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 £24,130 in respect of 80 grants, an average of £310.62.

The total amount of Discretionary Grant paid last year was £20,111 in respect of 28 grants an average of £718.25.

The total amount of Standard Grants paid last year was £19,925 in respect of 84 grants, an average of £237.20.

Of the 84 Standard Grants paid, 47 were for the upper limit of grant as defined in the Housing Act 1969, Schedule 1. Of the 47, 32 had buildings provided, 20 had septic tanks provided, one had a piped water supply provided for the first time and 8 had both buildings and septic tanks provided.

In all there were provided 69 baths, 74 wash hand basins, 75 hot water supplies, 81 water closets and 35 sinks.

HOUSING ACT 1957-1961 — Sample House Condition Survey

I have indicated in my introductory remarks that a Sample survey of houses in the District has been carried out.

I reproduce the figures obtained.

Result of Survey	Total	% of Total	Possible Error
Unfit Dwellings	250	1.9%	$\pm 90 \pm 0.7\%$
Dwellings not unfit up to 12 point standard	10,410	80%	$\pm 324 \pm 2.5\%$
Dwellings capable of improvement to 12 point standard	2,110	16%	$\pm 259 \pm 2\%$
Not capable of improvement to 12 point standard	210	1.6%	$\pm 90 \pm 0.7\%$

As will be seen the number of unfit houses in the District is approximately 250 and a programme of clearance of these houses is necessary although it may be found that many of the houses included in the number can, with the present continuing shortage of houses be brought to a standard of fitness particularly with the aid of Improvement Grants. The number of houses capable of improvement is 2,110. It will be necessary to examine further means of encouraging owners to improve their homes. This is not a local problem but a national one and it is far better to bring our older houses up to a reasonable standard than allow them to deteriorate and require a replacement house.

HOUSING ACT 1957 — 1961

Demolition Orders were made in respect of 26 properties and Closing Orders in respect of 7.

The properties affected are :—

Demolition Orders :

7 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
8 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
9 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
10 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
11 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
12 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
13 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
14 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
15 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
16 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
17 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
18 Newhouses, Cauldon Lowe.
Park View, Dilhorne Common.
Hamps Cottage, Waterhouses.
Oakdene, Hulme Lane, Werrington.
5 Mill Road, Oakamoor.
6 Mill Road, Oakamoor.
7 Mill Road, Oakamoor.
8 Mill Road, Oakamoor.
Spring Cottage Farm, Cheadle Road, Alton.
Lower Lodge Dale, Hollington.
Caravan, 4 The Croft, Cheadle.
17 High Street, Dilhorne.
18 High Street, Dilhorne.
19 High Street, Dilhorne.
Whitehurst Cottage, Dilhorne.

Closing Orders :

55 Lid Lane, Cheadle.
348 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.
315 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.
18 Ashbourne Road, Cheadle.
66 Caverswall Road, Forsbrook.
2 High Street, Caverswall.
43 Ashbourne Road, Cheadle.

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
1. Population of District	40,970	40,170	40,730	40,150	39,020	38,560
2. Number of inhabited houses ...	12,489	12,988	12,988	12,814	11,913	11,498
3. Total built during the year ...	357	284	281	291	602	486
3. Total built by Council ...	2	—	34	49	95	13
5. Number built by private enterprise ...	355	284	247	242	507	473
6. Number of improvement grants made ...	132	118	109	82	94	76
7. Number of houses repaired following action by Health Department under Public Health Acts ...	23	48	44	39	27	40
8. Number of grants for closet conversion ...	10	26	42	26	14	16
9. Number of unfit properties dealt with by Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings ...	35	11	22	53	56	14
10. Guarantees of Building Societies ...	2	1	3	2	8	30

The table showing the trend of housing activities in the District is produced. The fact that only two houses were built by the Council is extremely disappointing and knowing the need of the District for more houses it is hoped that there will be more concentration in the future years on increasing our housing stock in the Council owned sector.

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Fourteen applications for Qualification Certificates were received. Objections were received in respect of one, three were refused as a result of an inspection by my Department, the premises not attaining the required standard, and one was issued.

Three applications were received for Qualification Certificates combined with Standard Grants and a Certificate of Provisional Approval was issued in each case, and on completion of the work and prior production of the Certificate of Fair Rent, the Qualification Certificates were issued.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936 — Section 47

Ten houses have had privies replaced by waterclosets.

The total grant paid in respect of these replacements was £464.85, an average of £46.48 per property.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

We have received complaints concerning :

1. Insect in a bilberry tart;
2. Dirty milk bottle;
3. Complaint of mould in a tin of strained beef broth with barley;
4. Complaint of metal in a packet of cornflakes;
5. Complaint of damaged chocolate wafer biscuits.

No formal action was taken in respect of these complaints.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no large slaughtering establishments in the District but visits are made to check on the hygienic practises of the small establishments.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1970

As stated in my last report more attention has been given to public houses serving bar snacks. More and more attention will have to be given to premises such as these but available staff have to be used to provide the proper overall service to the community and whilst more visits are required to food premises there is a limit to these with staff available.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The Department has again continued to operate the Act and seventy-eight visits have been made to premises coming within the provisions of the Act.

Four accidents were reported during the year :

1. Accident to hand;
2. Accident to ankle;
3. Severance of part of finger;
4. Accident to foot.

TABLE 'A' Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of registered premises during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	24	1
Retail Shops	2	118	58
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	6	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	28	17
Total	4	176	78

TABLE 'B'

Number of visits of all kinds made by Inspectors to Registered Premises 78

TABLE 'C'

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace.

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	367
Retail Shops	331
Wholesale departments, warehouses	26
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	146
Fuel Storage depots	—
Total	870
Total Males	315
Total Females	555

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 bungalows (1 bedroom)	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Houses relet	.....	.....	.....	.....	47
Bungalows relet	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Bungalows relet (Welfare)	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Flats relet	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
House Exchanges	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Lodgers	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Caravan Lettings	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Garages	.....	.....	.....	.....	45

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS 1928-1936

I consider that the premises in the district licensed to store petroleum have now been brought up to a reasonably acceptable standard. The requirement concerning certificates of compliance with the required standard of all electrical apparatus associated with the storage of petroleum is now becoming accepted by license holders.

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 the premises.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

There are fifteen 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.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in District	15,125	536
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	137	6
(b) Number infested by :—		
(i) Rats	106	6
(ii) Mice	30	—
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	154	—
(i) Rats	18	—
(ii) Mice	—	—

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

				Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	...	...	...	1,583	683	388	9,504	3,292
Number inspected	...	...	...	1,583	683	388	9,504	3,292
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCOSIS								
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	1	1	3	5	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	211	338	10	610	264
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercosis	...	...	...	13.32	49.48	2.57	6.41	8.19
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY								
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	15
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	0.45
CYSTICERCOSIS								
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	8	2	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	...	...	...	8	2	—	—	—
Generalised cysticercosis and carcasses totally condemned	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	104
Number using Mechanical Power	..	...	...	...	...	...	102
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

(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	—	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	102	26	6	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	104	26	6	—

(2) Cases in which defects were found to exist :

	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Ineffective drainage of floors Sanitary Conveniences (S7)	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	1	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	25	—	—	1	—
(b) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	26	—	—	1	—

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Number of houses made fit							Total
After informal action	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
By Owner after Statutory Notice	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
By Council after Statutory Notice	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Visits

Complaints — Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Complaints — Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	118
First visits conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Revisits conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
Number of conversions completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
First visits drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Revisits drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Levelling	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water Samples — Public	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Water Samples — Private	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Deposit gauges	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Bacteriological specimens	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Food Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Improvement Grants (1st visits and enquiries)	...	...	...	...	...	...	343
Improvement Grants (revisits)	...	...	...	...	...	...	485
Completed — Standard	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Completed — Discretionary	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Unfit food	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Revisits (complaints)	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
Other visits and interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	417

Special Inspections

Contraventions

					Visits	Abated	Found
Housing Applicants	...	...	...	...	226	—	—
Tenancy Exchange	...	...	...	...	31	—	—
Tenancy Transfers	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Lodgers	...	...	...	...	5	—	—
Theatres and Cinemas	...	...	...	...	4	—	—
Tips	...	...	...	...	4	—	—
Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	4	—	—
Boarding Kennels	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	49	62	10
Caravan Site	...	...	...	...	3	—	—
Clean Air (General)	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Gut Scraper	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Knacker	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	5	—	1
Scrap Metal Dealers	...	...	...	...	1	—	—

Food Premises						Contraventions		
						Visits	Abated	Found
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	15	18	22
Bakeries	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	—
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	—
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	23	6	5
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Fish Fryers	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	4
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	52	24	23
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	11	—	7
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	56	51	66
Market	...	...	...	...	...	5	—	1
Mobile Shops	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	8
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	41	25	25
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	16	8	21

Housing Act								Total
Unfit Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Qualification Certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Houses — Multiple Occupation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Housing Survey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	416

Food Inspection							Total
Meat at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,728
Meat at Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Poultry	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Canned Goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fruit and Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Imported Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

NOTICES	Served		Completed	
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Public Health Act	3	27	6	12
Housing Act	—	—	—	—
Food and Drugs Act	—	20	—	15
O.S.R. Act	—	—	—	—
Factory Act	—	8	—	3
Petroleum Regulations	—	2	—	—
Cinemas and Theatres	—	1	2	3
Slaughterhouse Regulations	—	2	—	2
Noise Abatement Act	—	—	—	—

9. SURVEYOR'S REPORT

HOUSING

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

Built by Local Authority	2
Built by Private Developers	355

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

Waterhouses

One pair of semi-bungalows have been completed on the Breech Close estate.

Hoftens Croft

Work has commenced on the site at Hoftens Cross for twelve dwellings, comprising 4 No. houses and 8 No. bungalows.

Oakamoor

Work has commenced on the Oakamoor site at Star Bank for seven dwellings comprising 4 No. houses and 3 No. bungalows.

Cheadle

Work has commenced on the site fronting King Edward Street, for thirteen bungalows.

Dilhorne

Work has commenced on six bungalows off Godley Lane, Dilhorne. It is expected that they will be completed in 1973.

Kingsley Holt

Work has commenced on the sixteen bungalows at Kingsley Holt. This is a welfare scheme and one bungalow will be allocated to a warden.

Ipstones

A site has been acquired at Ipstones for two bungalows.

Kingsley

A site has been acquired at Kingsley for two bungalows.

Cheadle

A site has been acquired at Mill Road for thirty-six dwellings, a percentage of which will be devoted to old peoples bungalows. Consultations with the Ministry of Environment are taking place.

MODERNISATION OF EXISTING COUNCIL HOUSES

Schemes have been prepared for the modernisation of houses in various parts of the district. As a result of this a total of thirty-six have been completed, eight at Alton, fourteen at Cheadle, six at Forsbrook, three at Ipstones and five at Tean. Whilst each of the dwellings have been modernised the tenants were transferred temporarily into alternative accommodation. Modernisation has also commenced on eight further houses.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HOUSING

During the year a total of 355 No. dwellings were erected and completed by private builders and at the end of the year there are in addition 256 No. dwellings under construction.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

During the year the Council considered 1,556 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 1,426 and 130 were refused. Included in the total number of plans there were 633 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

Cheddleton Sewage Purification Works

Extensions and modernisation to the existing works were completed in August and brought into operation. The works have now been re-classified as satisfactory by the Trent River Authority.

Farley Sewerage Scheme

A sewerage scheme is being prepared for the above village.

Hulme Lane and Caverswall Sewerage Scheme

A sewerage scheme is being prepared for the above areas to connect to the Blithe Valley main drainage scheme.

Hollington and Fole Sewerage Scheme

This scheme has been prepared, but final Ministry approval is awaited.

Foxt Sewerage Scheme

A drainage scheme for the village of Foxt is being prepared to enable the area to be drained to the Froghall Sewage Purification Works, which will have to be extended to receive this drainage.

Basford View, Cheddleton

A small sewerage scheme has been designed and commenced for the drainage of 7 No. properties to the public sewer in Station Road. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed early in 1973.

CARAVAN SITE, WOODHEAD, CHEADLE

The site at Woodhead, provided by the Council for twenty-one caravans, continues to be fully occupied.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES

The removal of the railway embankment at The Green, Cheadle has been commenced and will be completed early in 1973. Contracts are also being prepared for schemes at the rear of the Council Depot, Caravan Site at Cheadle and the junction of Caverswall Old Road and Caverswall Road, Forsbrook.

HOUSEHOLD REFUSE COLLECTION

The Council operates and maintains a fleet of seven refuse collection vehicles of the compression type and every effort is made to maintain a weekly collection service to all but the outlying properties. Disposal is effected by controlled tipping in various parts of the district and a new tip at Ribden was brought into operation early this year.

NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION

The Council operates and maintains two vehicles for this purpose. Every effort is made with the Public Health Department to ensure that as new sewerage schemes are commissioned, properties will be connected and so gradually reduce the size of this task.

Barford View, Chesham, has been designed and commenced for the drainage of 3 No. properties to the public sewer at Station Road. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed early in 1973.

CARAVAN SITE, WOODHEAD, CHESHAM

The site at Woodhead, provided by the Council for twenty-two caravans, continues to be fully occupied.

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