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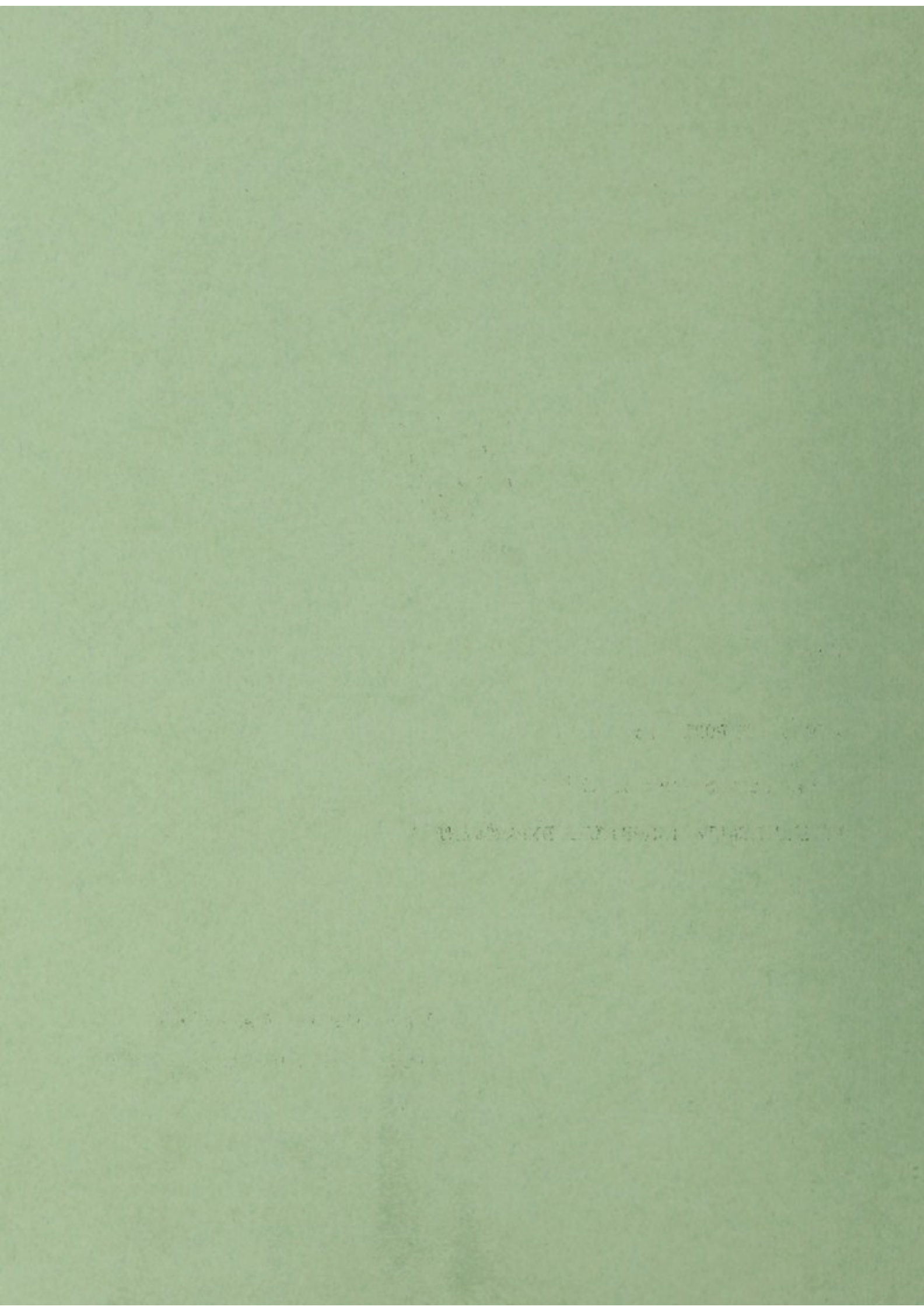
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# Borough of High Wycombe



ANNUAL REPORT for  
1973 on the work of the  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS DEPARTMENT

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## Borough of High Wycombe

To the Mayor  
of the Borough

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Yours faithfully,

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\* P.H. GALLAGHER

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+ Certificated by the Royal Society of Health as Smoke Inspector.

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Senior Clerk : Mrs. K. Cutler

### PUBLIC ANALYST

ERIC VOELCKER, A.R.C.S., F.R.I.C.

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The following Acts are wholly or partly administered by the Department:-

Principal Acts

Public Health Acts 1875 - 1961.  
Housing Acts 1930 - 1972 (Unhealthy Areas, Unfit Houses  
demolition, improvement, repair etc.)  
Food and Drugs Act 1955 (Including provision re sampling).  
Clean Air Act 1956 and 1968.  
Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

Other Acts

Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act 1956.  
Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963.  
Buckinghamshire County Council Act 1957 (Sections 50, 51 & 52).  
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960.  
Chepping Wycombe Corporation Act, 1927 Part VII and  
Sections 101, 102, 104, 105 and 106.  
Explosives Acts 1875 - 1923.  
Fabrics (Misdescription) Act, 1913 - Regulations 1959.  
Factories Acts 1937 and 1961.  
Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act 1952.  
High Wycombe Corporation Act, 1946 Part V.  
National Assistance Act 1948, Sections 47 and 50.  
Noise Abatement Act, 1960.  
Oil Burners (Standards) Act 1960.  
Pet Animals Act 1951.  
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.  
Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.  
Rent Act 1968.  
Shops Act 1950-1965.  
Slaughter of Animals Acts 1954-1958.  
Slaughterhouses Act 1958.  
Trades (Misdescription) Act 1968, (in relation to food).

## PUBLIC HEALTH (GENERAL)

### COMPLAINTS

651 complaints were received during the year and they are classified below.

<u>Complaints Received</u>	<u>1973</u>
Accumulations and rubbish	21
Animals kept as to be a nuisance	14
Caravans	1
Clean Air	53
Drainage	57
Dust and obnoxious smells	54
Food and Food Hygiene	121
Houses in multiple occupation	9
Insect Pests	145
Noise	56
Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance	66
Miscellaneous	54
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	651

All complaints were investigated and, where justified, action was taken, they were mainly dealt with by direct contact with the persons concerned. 34 Informal (Public Health) and 19 Statutory Notices were served. Other matters were dealt with either by informal action, verbal notice or by practical means.

It is regretted that owing to lack of staff in the latter part of the year the usual service of dealing with wasp nests and rodent control was not possible. However, every assistance was given by means of advice and the issue of free powder, insecticide or bait.



## GENERAL HEALTH MATTERS

Notifiable diseases - visits made	228
Wasps nest cleared	10
Houses treated for other insects	10
Advice given in other cases (insects)	78
Houses disinfested	23
Drains cleared	15

## SWIMMING POOLS

34 samples were taken from the Council pools during the year and were all satisfactory. 48 were taken on behalf of Bucks County Council from swimming pools at the schools and the results were satisfactory, although 4 samples showed that the water was not of the highest standard which could have been attained.

## WATER SUPPLY

15 samples of the town's water supply were taken from various premises and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service at Oxford; all proved to be of the highest bacteriological standard. 4 samples of the raw water from supply wells within the town were taken and submitted to the Counties Public Health Laboratories Service for analysis for chemical and bacteriological purity.



## SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

### (a) MILK SUPPLY

#### Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

##### Registration

12 new distributors of milk from retail shops were registered during the year. The total number of registrations is now 66.

#### Milk and Dairies (Special Designation) Regulations 1963-5

New Licences were issued in 1973 for dealing in the following designations:-

(a) Pasteurised	14
(b) Sterilised	2
(c) Ultra Heat Treated	8

The total number of Dealers Licences now held is 77

##### Bacteriological Sampling

257 samples of milk were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service at Oxford for examination by the Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Tests. The former process is to ascertain the keeping quality of the milk and the latter to see that the pasteurisation process has been properly carried out. Details of the sampling and results are set out below:-

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Failures</u> (Methylene Blue)	<u>Percentage</u>
Supplier A	104	26	25.00
C	45	2	4.4
D	108	3	2.8
	<u>257</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>14.8</u>

Some improvement in the supply from Supplier A was made after representations from this department. Some failures to pass the Methylene Blue Test were as a result of the very hot and humid conditions which were experienced in the summer months.

(b) FOOD SAMPLING

Analysis by the Public Analyst

The following Table shows results on samples submitted during the year:-

ARTICLE	Formal	Informal	Genuine	Not Genuine
Almond Syrup	-	1	-	1
Beef Mince	-	1	1	-
Beer	-	1	1	-
Beverages	1	1	2	-
Blackcurrant Drink	-	3	3	-
Bread	-	3	1	2
Broth	-	1	1	-
Butter	1	5	6	-
Cake Rusk	-	1	1	-
Cheese	-	4	4	-
Cheese & Onion Roll	-	1	-	1
Coconut (creamed)	-	1	1	-
Cordial	-	1	1	-
Cornflour	-	4	4	-
Cream	-	1	1	-
Desserts	-	1	1	-
Egg Noodle	-	1	1	-
Fish (Canned)	-	6	6	-
Flavourings	-	2	2	-
Flour	-	2	2	-
Fruits (Dried)	-	4	4	-
Herbs	-	3	3	-
Irish Stew	1	-	1	-
Jelly	-	4	4	-
Lemon Pie Filling	-	1	1	-
Milk	4	-	4	-
Pies (Meat)	1	6	6	1
Preserves	-	5	5	-
Puddings (Meat)	-	1	1	-
Rennet	-	1	1	-
Sago	-	1	-	1
Salad Cream	-	1	1	-
Sausages	3	6	8	1
Sausage Meat	1	2	3	-
Savoury Rice	-	1	1	-
Tomatoes	-	1	1	-
Vegetables (Canned)	-	2	2	-
Totals:	12	80	85	7



## SAMPLES NOT GENUINE

### Almond Syrup

This showed on analysis to be a flavoured drink there being no natural constituents of almonds present. The matter was taken up with the supplier and the Food and Drugs Officer at the place of manufacture. It had already been a matter of consideration by the latter and manufacture had ceased. A new product was being prepared and under these circumstances no further action was taken.

### Bread

Both samples were submitted to the analyst as a result of complaints. In one case it was alleged that the bread had an unpleasant smell but analysis could find nothing deleterious.

The second complaint was of foreign matter in the bread and examination showed it to be a carpet tack. Legal proceedings were taken in this case.

### Cheese and Onion Roll

This was submitted to the Public Analyst because of a complaint. Analysis proved the extraneous matter complained of to be "oven char." No legal action was taken.

### Meat Pie

This pie contained extraneous matter in the form of a cigarette end. Legal proceedings were taken.

### Sago

This arose from a complaint of foreign matter. It proved to be dried carrot - no legal action was taken.

### Sausages

This was also submitted to the analyst because of a complaint. Analysis proved the matter complained of to be a dirty sausage casing and not dye as suspected. It arose at clean premises; no legal action was taken.



## FOOD COMPLAINTS

117 Complaints concerning food were received and dealt with during the year. The complaints ranged over a number of matters including mould, taste, extraneous matter and insect infestations. All cases were thoroughly investigated; some were not justified (as in one case of headache tablets being ineffective). Some cases on investigation proved not to be as serious as was at first suspected, for instance "mouse droppings" in a pie proved to be "oven black" and glass in biscuits proved to be large pieces of sugar.

Seven complaints were of food sold "out of date" which in itself is not an offence. Comment must be made that if a clear "sell by" date is stamped on the packet the shopper is not entirely clear of blame if such goods are purchased from "help yourself" stores. The idea of clear indication of "sell by" date is for guidance to the shopper as well as to store management. Over the counter sales are quite a different matter.

Five prosecutions were taken during the year and fines imposed in each case.

### (c) FOOD CONDEMNED (OTHER THAN MEAT AT SLAUGHTERHOUSES)

In accordance with usual practice, unfit and spoiled foods from retail shops are surrendered to the local authority in return for a certificate of condemnation or destruction. This is often necessary in the case of refrigerator breakdowns and other spoilage. During the year the following foods were destroyed as unfit or unsaleable.

Meat in Retail Shops	10 cwt. 99 lbs.
Cooked Meat & Meat Products	1 cwt. 19 lbs.
Canned Meats	2 cwt. 1 lb.
Other Canned Foods	14 cwt. 43 lbs.
Fish (Fresh)	2 cwt. 21 lbs.
Other Foods	11 cwt. 50 lbs.
Frozen Food (Cabinet Breakdown)	2 ton 16 cwt. 29 lbs.
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	4 ton 18 cwt. 38 lbs.

Soft drinks etc.	6 galls
Ice Cream	125 galls
Milk (Evaporated)	5 galls

In no case has it been necessary to condemn a whole consignment of food.

(d) LABORATORY TESTING OF MILK

168 samples of milk were tested in the department's laboratory for the percentage of fat and solids-not-fat. Analysis in our own laboratory is a considerable financial saving in Analysts' fees.

The average contents were as follows:-

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Number of samples</u>	<u>Fat</u>	<u>Solids-not-fat</u>
Channel Island	83	4.6	9.0
All grades other than Channel Island	85	3.8	8.5
All grades	168	4.2	8.8

(e) ICE CREAM

153 premises in the Borough were registered for the sale of ice cream. The registrations covered the retail sale from shops and similar premises.

45 samples of ice cream were submitted for bacteriological examination and the results are shown in the following table:-

Grade I	=	26 samples
Grade II	=	4 samples
Grade III	=	7 samples
Grade IV	=	8 samples

Source of Sample	Vehicles				Premises			
Grade	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Soft Ice-cream	2	-	2	7	-	-	-	-
Other Ice-cream	-	-	-	-	24	4	5	1

(f) OTHER REGISTERED PREMISES

There were 49 registered food preparing premises within the Borough, mainly for fried fish, sausage manufacturing and the cooking of chicken. No established bacteriological sampling is in force for the products prepared at these establishments.



(g) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955-1970 AND  
FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES)  
REGULATIONS 1966

A total of 1085 visits and inspections were made in connection with food hygiene and the number of contraventions are set out. There were 496 food premises in the Borough and 80 food stalls and hawkers carts (excluding milk and bread delivery vehicles).

List of Contraventions Found Total

Lack of wash-hand basins	2
Lack of sinks	1
Lack of hot water supply	3
Lack of lighting & ventilation	1
Lack of cleanliness	29
Disrepair	17
Other provisions	26
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	79

Vehicles				Stalls			
I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
2	-	2	7	1	1	1	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(f) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955-1970 AND

There were 49 registered food preparing premises within the Borough, mainly for bread, jam, sausage manufacturing, and the cooking of chicken. No established bacteriological sampling is in force for the products prepared at these establishments.



## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

A total of 537 visits and inspections were carried out in connection with the 700 registered premises; 144 of these were full inspections. As will be seen from the table, 65 new registrations were made.

Notices were served drawing attention to various contraventions of the provisions of the Act, as listed below:-

<u>Section</u>		<u>Number of Contraventions</u>
		<u>Found</u>
4	Cleanliness	7
6	Temperature	2
7	Ventilation	13
8	Lighting	1
9	Sanitary Conveniences	4
10	Washing Facilities	6
11	Supply of drinking water	9
12	Clothing Accommodation	1
16	Floors, passages, & stairs	12
17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery	1
24	First aid & General Provisions	18
20	Hoists and lifts	5
	Other Matters	99
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		178
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## ACCIDENTS

18 accidents were reported during 1973. 10 of these were at shops, 5 at warehouses, 1 at an office, and 2 at catering establishments. Of these accidents 15 were investigated. None were of a serious nature.

Period Covered 1st January to 31st December 1973

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
OFFICES	29	231	56
RETAIL SHOPS	27	366	77
WHOLESALE SHOPS WAREHOUSES	7	53	4
CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, CAVTEENS	2	49	7
FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS	-	1	-
	65	700	144



TABLE B

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

537

TABLE C

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

<u>Class of workplace</u>	<u>Number of persons employed</u>
OFFICES	3825
RETAIL SHOPS	2602
WHOLESALE DEPARTMENTS, WAREHOUSES	621
CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	367
CANTEENS	91
FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS	2
	<u>TOTAL</u>
	7508
	<u>TOTAL MALES</u>
	3326
	<u>TOTAL FEMALES</u>
	4182



TABLE D

EXEMPTIONS - NIL

TABLE E

PROSECUTIONS - NIL

TABLE F

INSPECTORS

No. of Inspectors appointed under  
Sections 52(10 or (5) of the Act.....6

No. of other staff employed for most  
of their time on work in connection  
with the Act  
.....NIL

## H O U S I N G

### (a) HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

214 visits were made to houses in multiple occupation where access was gained. Many other visits were made where it was impossible or inappropriate to enter the house. It is not wise to insist on entry when, for instance, the only person at home is a non-English speaking woman, even though the law can require it. 3 Directions under Section 19 of the Housing Act were made during the year.

### (b) CLEARANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

Only one small Clearance Area was declared that being the Queen Street Clearance Area 1973, and comprised six houses. However many houses in West End Road were inspected and as a result it was considered that they had several years useful life, and it was decided that they should not be dealt with by Clearance action, but that the owners should be encouraged to improve them. It is pleasing to report that some owner-occupiers have already done so.

The programme of Clearance is now nearly completed, there remains to be inspected one or two small groups of houses and a number of individual houses.

From the tables it will be seen that in total 1261 houses have been dealt with since the clearance programme, as drawn up in 1955, was commenced. To this must be added 63 houses in Brook Street which were dealt with immediately preceding the drawing up of the programme. Many houses have been removed from the list of unfit houses due mainly to owner occupiers having kept them in good order - and have since improved them. There remains only 92 to be dealt with.

### (c) Improvement Grants

It is interesting to note that in 1973 for the first time the number of Improvement Grant applications was greater than for Standard Grants. A total of 70 applications were received 43 Improvement, 26 Standard Grants and 1 Special Grant. There are, of course, many other improvements carried out often by persons who prefer to bear the whole of the expense of improvement so as to be able to carry out other repairs over a long period rather than be forced to carry out these repairs at the same time as improvement.



The proposals contained in the White Paper on Improvements may make it easier for persons to carry out Repairs and Improvements at the same time - at present money for repairs has to be found as well as an amount which at least equals the Improvement or Standard Grant. A grant, or interest free loan charge on the house, for repairs may become essential in some cases if houses are to be retained in terraces.

#### (d) COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

TABLE I  
STANDARD GRANTS

Year	Pre 1970	1971	1972	1973	Totals
Applications Received	404	57	50	26	537
Dwellings Improved	285	38	37	38	398
Amenities for Grant					
Bath	322	37	33	16	408
W.H. Basin	337	45	40	19	441
W.C.	262	38	35	15	350
Hot Water	385	49	45	23	502
+Food Store	217	-	-	-	217
*Sink	5	2	3	3	13
Totals:	1528	171	156	76	1931
Amenities Installed					
Bath	224	28	25	26	303
W.H. Basin	237	35	31	32	335
W.C.	182	33	23	27	265
Hot Water	275	36	35	35	381
Food Store	178	-	-	-	178
Sink	-	4	1	5	10
Totals:	1096	136	115	125	1472

+ Deleted as standard amenity 1969

\* Not included as a standard amenity until 1969



TABLE II

Clearance Area Programme during 1973 including further action on areas declared previously

Name of Area	Date of Declaration	How Dealt With	Date of Inquiry	Date of Confirmation	No. of Houses	No. of Families	No. of families Rehoused by Local Authority		No. of Houses Demolished
							1973	Total	
Gordon Road No.(1)	1961	A.P.	-	-	4	4	-	3	-
Gordon Road No.(3)	1964	A.P.	-	-	4	4	-	3	-
Shaftesbury Street (No.1)	1967	C.P.O.	1968	1968	3+7 excl.	10	-	9	10
Desborough Street/ Victoria Street	1967	C.P.O.	1968	1968	9	9	-	4	8
Duke Street/ Slater Street	1970	C.P.O.	1970	1971	63	47	4	32	55
Saffron Road/ Station Road	1971	C.A. C.P.O.	1972	1972	28+5 not unfit +2 excl.	34	21	21	16
Queen Street	1973	C.A.	-	-	6	5	-	-	-
Totals:					117+5 not unfit +2 excl.	113	25	72	89

A.P. = Agreed Purchase  
C.O. = Clearance Order  
C.P.O. = Compulsory Purchase Order

TABLE 111

Area in which action was completed before 1973

	No. of Families rehoused by Local Authority	No. of Houses Demolished
Totals for Areas completed prior 1.1.73	966	1130



# CLEAN AIR

## (a) Domestic Smoke

Confirmation of the No. 19 Smoke Control Order was confirmed by the Department of the Environment to become operative on 1st October, 1973. The survey of No. 20 area was carried out during the year and approved by the Council.

The table below sets out details of the orders already in operation.

<u>Smoke Control Areas</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Gomm's Wood	122	-	-	-	11.75
Deeds Grove	388	-	-	-	56.6
New Road No. 1	94	-	-	-	10.65
New Road No. 2 )	145	-	-	-	8.4
Castlefield No.1)					10.9
Upper Bowerdean	443	-	-	-	39.0
Hicks Farm	1119	-	-	-	128.3
Quebec Road	201	-	-	-	29.0
* Plomer Hill	120	-	-	-	10.0
				*(Borough only)	
Desborough Avenue	599	11	1	2	192.0
North Western	2209	1	2	1	725.0
Western Area (No.12)	1270	11	18	2	750.0
High Wycombe (No.13)	1377	28	35	8	280.0
High Wycombe (No.14)	1315	24	42	1	162.0
High Wycombe (No.15)	845	35	31	6	112.0
High Wycombe (No.16)	1298	31	17	6	227.0
High Wycombe (No.17)	2102	26	26	10	670.0
High Wycombe (No.18)	1342	17	4	4	230.0
High Wycombe (No.19)	313	588	123	9	166.0
	<u>15302</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>3818.6</u>

## Chimney Heights Clean Air Act Section 6

Approval of chimney heights was given in 7 cases the recommendation with regard to SO<sub>2</sub> and possible nuisance having been taken into consideration.

## EXPLOSIVES ACTS 1875 - 1923

The number of registrations for the period ending 30th September 1973 was 26.

## FACTORIES ACT 1937

No. of factories of all types 648

No. of inspections (including outworkers premises) 294

No. of contraventions found 2

No. of complaints received from H.M. Inspector of Factories Nil

The report as required by the Department of Employment and Productivity is added as an appendix to this report.



# PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY

## PESTS ACT 1949

Agreements in force	10
Total complaints received	344
(Agricultural premises	-
(Business premises	106
(Domestic premises	201
(Other premises	15
(Complaints not justified	22
Total visits by Rodent Operators	2156
Total visits by Public Health Inspectors	629

Also 104 complaints were received but as they were unable to be dealt with by this department letters of instruction were given and where required rodent bait was issued. In cases of difficulty the Public Health Inspectors followed up on the complaints.

	No. of complaints received from	H.M. Inspector of Factories	(Lancashire only)
Manchester	599	11	132.0
North Western	2209	1	735.0
West of Mersey	1279	11	730.0
The report as required by the Department of			
Employment and Productivity is added as an appendix to			
this report.	1315	25	152.0
(41.0%)	845	20	112.0
(57.0%)	1298	31	227.0
(77.0%)	2102	25	670.0
(81.0%)	1462	17	330.0
(91.0%)	313	208	155.0
	15302	772	3318.6

### Chimney Heights - Class A Air Section 5

Approval of chimney heights was given in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Air Pollution Control with regard to SO<sub>2</sub> and other pollutants.

# LEGAL PROCEEDINGS 1973

Table showing legal proceedings taken, and results, during

1973:-

Act, Orders or Regulations under which Proceedings were instituted	Default of Offence	Result
Shops Acts 1950	Sunday Trading	Fined £60.00 Costs £10.00
Food & Drugs Act 1955 Sections 2 & 113(3)	Meat Pasty - not of the substance demanded	Fined £40.00 Costs £10.00
Food & Drugs Act 1955 Sections 2 & 113(3)	Vegetable & Beef Baby Food - not of the substance demanded.	Fined £40.00 Costs £10.00
Food & Drugs Act 1955 Sections 2 & 113(3)	Bread - not of the substance demanded.	Fined £40.00 Costs £10.00
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Food & Drugs Act 1955 Sections 2 & 113(3)	Bread - not of the substance demanded	Fined £40.00 Costs £10.00

Total fines = £260.00

Costs = £60.00



# VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE

Clean Air Act:	Survey & Misc.	105
	Installations	90
	Observations & Visits	630
Factories Act:	Powered Factories	238
	Non-powered Factories	3
	Building Sites	21
	Outworkers	32
Public Health General:	Drainage	132
	Dwelling Houses (Repairs)	289
	General Environmental Health	757
	Infectious Diseases and Disinfection	230
	Insect Pests & Disinfestation	62
	Movable dwellings	23
	Noise abatement	468
	Swimming Pools	13
	Water Supply	6
Food Premises Inspections:	Food Manufacturers	28
	General Food Premises	620
	Market Stalls and Mobile Traders	73
	Milk Shops & Dairies	9
	Cafes, Canteens & Restaurants	395
Food Condemnations:	General Premises	99
	Slaughterhouses	20
Food & Drugs: (Sections 2,6, etc)	Miscellaneous	-
	Premises Visited	241
	Following up visits	138
Bacteriological Sampling: (Visits & Inspections)	Milk	-
	Ice Cream	59
	Water	18
	Swimming Pools	46

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## VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE (Continued)

	B/F	4845
<b>Housing:</b>		
	Clearance Areas	85
	Repair	77
	Overcrowding	29
	Standard Grants	587
	Improvement Grants	518
	Houses in Multiple Occupation	214
	Rent Act	1
	Qualification Certificates	25
<b>Rodent Control:</b>		
	Public Health Inspectors	629
	Rodent Operators	2156
<b>Shops Act: (Observations &amp; visits)</b>		23
<b>Explosives Act:</b>		26
<b>Pet Animals:</b>		11
<b>Animal Boarding Establishments:</b>		10
<b>Miscellaneous Duties</b>		663
<b>Poisonous Waste Act:</b>		2
<b>Offices, Shops &amp; Railway Premises Act:</b>		537
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APPENDIX  
FACTORIES ACT 1961

The following Tables give the prescribed particulars required under the provisions of Section 153(1) of the Factories Act 1961 with respect to matters under Part I and VIII of that Act.

PART I OF THE ACT

**I - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)**

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2, 3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	14	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	634	238	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-workers' Premises)	49	21	-	-
	697	262	1	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	No. of Cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which Prosecutions instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	2	3	-	-	-



PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in Aug. list Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of Default in send- ing list to the Council	No. of Prose- cutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instan- ces of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
<u>Wearing apparel:</u>						
Making etc.	17	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and Upholst- ery	23	-	-	-	-	-
Carding etc. of buttons etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	40	-	-	-	-	-





