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FOR THE YEAR 1961



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#### MILINROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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#### To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my thirtythird Annual Report of the District of Milmrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed:-

#### Population

The estimated population of the district for 1961 is 8110 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £102,443 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £367.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

#### Vital Statistics

Mortality rates per 1,000 population	
Total (all forms)	16.9
Respiratory Tuberculosis	Nil
Malignant neoplasms	2.22
Live births rates per 1,000 population	14.8
Still births per 1,000 total births	16.5
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	Nil
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	42.0
Neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	33.6
Early neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	25.2
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	41.3

	М	F	Total
Live births	58	61	119
Legitimate	56	55	111
Illegitimate	2	6	8
Still births		2	2
Legitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 1 year		5	5
Legitimate	-	3	3
Illegitimate	-	2	2
Deather of infants under 4 weeks to 1 yr	-	4	1,4
Legitimate	-	2	2 2
Illegitimate	-	2	2
Deaths of infants under 1 week to 4 weeks	-	3	3
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	2	2

# Rates per 1,000 of Population

Year	No. Rate Reg. per 1000 Pop		Mo. Reg.	causes) Rate per 1000 Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	-	ernal ality Rate per 1000 Total births	Infant Mortality No. of Rate deaths per Reg. 1000 live births	
1961	119	14.8	132 97	16.9 12.1	2 3	16.5 28.6	Nil Nil	Mil Nil	5 4	42.0 39.2
Prev. year Miff.	+17	+2.6	+35	+4.8	-1	-12.1	-	-	+1	+2.8

# Vital Statistics 1942 - 1961

Year	Population Estimated to Niddle of	Bir	DATE:	Deaths				Dea		Maternal Mortality	
	Each Year	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate		
1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961	7663 7520 7661 7671 8134 8290 8418 8596 8557 8578 8535 8540 8500 8460 8410 8360 8380 8380 8110	110 116 129 131 147 166 145 134 142 137 134 100 126 88 124 125 122 102 119	14.3 15.4 16.8 17.0 18.0 20.0 17.2 17.1 15.6 16.6 15.7 15.3 11.9 15.1 10.4 14.9 15.1 14.7 12.2 14.8	90 108 97 111 105 112 117 128 126 123 128 90 117 129 100 108 126 97	11.7 14.3 12.6 14.4 12.9 13.5 13.2 14.3 14.7 14.4 14.0 9.2 14.6 15.2 12.4 13.6 12.1 16.9	692965963562123Nil	54 77 15.5 68 40 50 62 43 15 35 44 15 16 34 Nil 16.4 39.2 42.0	Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	7.75 6.66 6.80 7.19		

# Comparison with England and Wales

	England and Wales	Milnrow
Birth rate	17.4	14.8
Death rate	12.0	16.9
Maternal Mortality Rate	0.33	Nil
Infantile Mortality Rate	21.4	42.0

# Causes of Death during the year 1961

	1.	Tuberculosis Respiratory		 	-
	2	other		 	-
	3	Syphilitic disease		 	-
-	4	Diphtheria		 •••	_
		Whooping cough		 	_
	5	Meningoecal Infections			
	7	Acute Poliomyelitis		 	
	8	Measles		 •••	
	9	Other Infective & Parasitic Diseas	ses	 	_
	10	Malignant Neoplasa Stomach			5
	11	" Lung, Bronchus		 	3
	12	n n Breast		 	4
	13	" " Uterus		 	-
	14	Other Malignant & Lamphatic Neopla		 	6
	15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia		 	-
	16	Diabetis		 	
	17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous Sy		 	19
	18	Coronary Disease, Angina		 	22
	19	Hypertension with Heart Disease		 	5
	20	Other Heart Diseases		 	16
	21	Other Circulatory Diseases		 	6
	22	Influenza		 	2
	23	Pneumonia		 	7
	24	Bronchitis		 	12
	25	Other diseases of the respiratory		 	-
	26	Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum		 	. 1
	27	Castritis, Entoritis, Diarrhoea		 	2
	28	Nephritis & Nephrosis		 	-
	29	Hyperplasia of prostate		 	1
	30	Pregnancy, childbirth, aboution		 	-
	31	Congenital Halfornations		 	
	32	Other defined and Ill defined Disc		 	7
	33	Motor Vehicle Accidents		 	4
	34	All other accidents		 	8
	35	Suicide		 	1
	36	Homicide & Operations of War		 	7
	-	and the second second		 	ada .

# Deaths Occurring Outside District

Place of Death	M	F	Total
· Birch Hill Hospital	16	23	39
Marland Hospital	- 8	Nil	8
Rochdale Infirmary	5	8	13
Springfield Park Hospital	Nil	1	1
Rochdale	1	Nil	1
St. Marys Hospital, Mastbourne	Nil	1	1
Oldham & District General Hospital	Nil	2	2
Speake	Nil	1	1
Hartlebury, Worcester	1	Nil	1

# Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate

Affect in vestro feated	No. of Deaths	Rate	Increase or Decrease
Infant Mortality 1961	5 4	42 39.2	+2.8
Maternal Mortality 1961	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	-

#### Notifiable Infectious Diseases

	Total	Under 1 yr.	1-2	2 - 3	3-4	4-5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 65	65 & over	Cases removed to Hospital	Deaths in Rospital
Measles Food Poisoning Scarlet Fever Sonnei Dysentery Pul. 7.B. Whooping Cough	79° 2 8 5 1	1 2	5	19 1	13 1 1 1	20 1	10	2	1			1		Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	

Under the National Health Service, the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

### Maternity and Child Velfare

Clinic	There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic (Consultation) open every Tuesday, 2.0. to 4.0.p.m.
Ante-Natal	Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 1, Wesley Street, when the clinic is open.
Midwifery	Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council
Home Helps	The home help service is run by the Lanceshire County Council, Divisional Health No. 13.
Cleansing Centre	Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.
Launisation	Clinics are held monthly at the M. ternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.
Ambulance Facilities	The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Radcliffe.
Infectious Diseases	The hospitals are administered by the Regional

I am,

Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE. M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

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#### MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector

for the year 1961

#### To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my seventeenth Annual Report.

During the year the Council purchased 14 back to back houses and 6 through houses, two of the back to back houses have been demolished for road widening and the other 12 are being modernised and ventilated to provide one bedroom accommodation.

The six through houses are to be provided with hot water, baths, washbasins and inside Sanitary Accommodation.

In my opinion this work in the older type of suitable house is worthwhile investment and when modernised will provide suitable accommodation for many years.

The Council also have a scheme for the building of old people's accommodation with wardens house attached for older people who with some assistance will be able to live in their own accommodation and prevent them having to go into part 3 accommodation.

Incorporated in this scheme are 11 two bedroom houses and 10 two bedroom bringalows.

This method of building other accommodation with old peoples, is in my opinion, a far better method than segregating old people, in so far as they feel they are still part of the community and not of a separate community.

Lack of pressure in the water mains has resulted in a poor supply of water at Wildhouse Land and Broad Lane. The Rochdale Corporation Waterworks Committee have now obtained permission to lay a new main from the Littleborough side to supply Wildhouse Lane and the development on Kiln Lane.

It is hoped that this work will be commenced at an early date.

Regarding the Broad Lane supply, there is building development progress in Rochdale adjoining the Milmrow boundary and the Rochdale Waterworks Department have stated that they will extend the main supplying these houses and feed the upper part of Broad Lane from this source.

Planning permission has been granted to push the existing tip towards Buckley Hill and to contour and reclaim the land.

A new Karrier "Blenheim" 11/15 cwt yard packer refuse collection vehicle has been ordered and delivery is expected early 1962.

This should make for a more effective and cleaner method of refuse collection.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercise of my duties as Public Health Inspector.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN.

Public Health Inspector.

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

# Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Housing	
Number of houses erected during the year	
By other bodies	48
By Local Authority	18
Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year	
Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for	
housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	87
. Number of inspections made for the purpose	144
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state	
as to be dangerous or injurious to health	7
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred	
to under preceeding sub-heading) found not to be in	
all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	16
Remedy of defects during the year without the service	
of formal notice	
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered	
fit in consequence of informal action by the	
Local Authority or its officers	14
Action under Statutory Powers during the year	
Proceedings under Public Health Act.	
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which	
formal notices were served requiring defects to be	
remedied	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were	
remedied after service of formal notice.	
(a) by owner	Nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
Propositions under Costion 36 6 37 House Act 2057	
Proceedings under Section 16 & 17 Housing Act, 1957.	
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance	6
of Demolition Orders.	14
or Manoritation orders.	14
Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government	
Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.	
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which	
Closing Orders were made	1
Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance	-
of Closing Orders.	Nil
Housing Act, 1957. Part IV - Overcrowding	
Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the	
end of the year	Nil
Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during year	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	Nil
and the property of the second	
Houses in the district and their Sanitary Conditions	
Houses	3011
Farms	73
Shops with dwelling accommodation	98
Factories, workshops, locak-up shops, etc.	90
Houses back to back	155
Pail closets	150
Waste water closets	32
Water closets	3161
Ashbins	3109

Council Houses	Pre-War	Post War
4 Bedroom houses 3 " " 2 " " 1 Bedroom bungalows 2 " " 1 Bedroom flats 2 " " Single person flats Prefabricated bungalows	4 390 122 12 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil	Nil 118 116 34 18 18 18 18 20 360
Total		888
The number of applications bungalows at the end of the		s and 172

#### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	Any of the particular and the pa					
and the second second		Housing Act 1949		House Purchase & Housing Act, 1959.		
		Discretio	onary Grants	Standard Grants		
	doller to	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected	
Act	ion during year					
(a)	Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	49	49	
(b)	Approved by Local Authority	Nil	Nil	48	48	
(c)	Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	Nil	Nil	1	1	
(d)	Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil	1	1	
(e)	Work completed	Nil	Nil	41	41	

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale & Oldham Corporations. The statutory water undertaking being Rochdale. The water is from the Moorland gathering grounds. Of the 3194 houses of the district 3015 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the outer fringe where there are no water mains and are farm houses and small hamlets. The supplies being from private wells and springs.

Sampling

During the year, 3 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and all these proved to be satisfactory.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Sewage Disposal

Most of the district is sewered and the sewage treated at the sewage works situate at Uncouth.

The number of pail closets in the district is now 155 having been reduced by demolition of unfit houses. The night soil is collected with a gully emptier fitted with night soil attachment and disposed of by discharging into the sewer for treatment at the sewage works.

#### Public Cleansing Domestic Refuse

Collection

The cleansing service is operated by two 7½ cub.yard side loading refuse collection vehicles staffed by two drivers and 6 men.

The refuse is emptied from 3109 ashbins.

The collection has been a weekly collection with the exception of holiday periods.

The refuse collection vehicles covered 7430 miles and collected 1909 loads.

Disposal

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The 1909 loads of refuse were disposed of, the refuse has been levelled, covered and consolidated with the mechanical shovel and there has not been any nuisance created.

Dustbins

The providing of dustbins under the municipal bin scheme is still working very satisfactorily and during the year 147 ashbins have been renewed and 148 new ashbins provided.

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Rag Flock & Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One factory has been granted a renewal of licence to manufacture and store rag flock.

Clean Air Act, 1956

20 visits have been made to business premises regarding the provisions of the Clean Air Act.

During the year one factory has been fitted with automatic underfed stokers. Discussions have been held with man gers regarding the fitting of automatic stokers to the boiler plant.

The chimneys are kept under observation and efforts made to control the emission of snoke.

#### Rodent Control

	Type of Property				
Barrier State Committee	Dwelling houses	Local Authority	Business Premises	Agriculture	
No. of properties inspected	94	Nil	82	18	
Total inspections carried out (including reinspections)	140	Nil.	115	MM /8	
No. of properties inspected which were infested by			. BTOE \$ 190		
Rats Mice	9 3	Nil Nil	4 5	Nil Nil	
No. of infested properties treated	12	Nil	9	Nil	

A test baiting of the sewers was made during the year. 27 manholes were baited and 5 takes recorded. The sections infested were treated. The rat population in the sewers appears to be very low.

Factories

There are 41 factories in the district made up as follows:-

Bakers	4
Bleaching and Dyeing	4
Brickworks	1
Cotton Spinning	7
Cotton Waste Spinning	2
Engineering	5
Herming and Packing Blankets	1
Joiners de la	3
Laundry	1
Motor repair garages	3
Paper tube manufacturer	1
Slaughterhouses	2
Slipper inner sole manufacturers	1
Spring maker	1
Surgical Cotton manufacturers	1
Television Assembly	1
Waste Recovery	1
Woodwork machinists	1
Wool sorter	1

Schools

There are 5 schools in the district, of these 4 have fresh water closets and 1 pail closets. There is no sewer available for the school with pail closets.

#### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Food Shops

There are 114 Food shops; 100 visits have been made to these premises, 53 of these visits were made under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1958.

#### Food Premises.

Type of Business	No.
Bakers and Confectioners Butchers	11 13
Fried Fish and Chip	5
Greengrocers	10
Grocery & Provisions	32
Sweets and Soft Drinks	5
Restaurants, canteens and snack bars	12
Licensed premises - Public Houses Clubs	19 7

#### Inspection of Meat and other Foods

Slaughterhouses

At the commencement of the year, there were 5 slaughterhouses licensed.

During the year, '3 slaughterhouses were discontinued and work was done on the other two to comply with the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene)
Regulations, 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty)
Regulations, 1958.

Work was commenced on the building of a new slaughterhouse and will be completed by the end of the year.

The appointed day for the coming into operation of the Regulations is 1st January, 1962.

During the year, 500 visits were made to slaughterhouses. There has been an increase in the number of animals killed on the previous year, 1352 in 1959 - 4499 in 1961.

The following table give details of meat inspection for the year.

and the second s	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed Number Inspected All Diseases except Tuberculosis	541 523	162 157	25 25	3744 3620	27 27
Whole carcases condenned	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned Percentage of the number inspected	18	23	Nil	Nil	Nil
affected with disease other than tuberculosis	3.44	14.65	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis Only			0.000		
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of whoch some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.19	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cystecercosis					ME
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil.	Nil	Nil
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Cascases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalized and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of carcase meat and organs condemned -

12 cwts.

Other foods inspected and condemned:

1 tin of Ox Tongue and 1 Tin of Cooked ham - 20 lbs.

#### Milk Sempling

Schools and Day Nursery
All milk to schools is Pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

The nursery also use Pasteurised milk.

200	No. taken	Phosphatase test		Methylene Blue test	
		S	N.S	S.	N. S.
nools	8	8	1	8	-
y Nursery	3	3	-	3	-

Sampling - Biological

During the year, brucellosis occurred at one farm. Group samples were taken and Brucella organisms isolated from some groups. Individual samples were taken from infected groups and isolated in 3 samples.

The milk from the 3 cows was sent for pasteurisation and not mixed with the other milk from the farm.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Sampling The Lancashire County Council are the Food & Drugs Authority and carry out this work. The following information has been supplied by them.

A total of 55 samples was obtained, consisting of 41 samples of milk and 14 others comprising:-

2 Lard 1 Self raising flour

1 Baking powder

1 Coffee and chicory extract mixture, dry.

1 Pepper sauce,

1 Vinegar, distilled

1 Part sliced loaf of bread

1 Bread

1 Fish, canned,

1 Ground mixed spice

1 Peal barley,

1 Sweets

1 Honey.

I give below details of one sample upon which the County Analyst gave an adverse report:-

Type of Sample

1 part sliced loaf of bread.

Result of Analysis

Contained three grammes of crumb near to top of crust Informed. discoloured with fragments of overbaked crust. Otherwise genuine.

Action taken

Complaintant

Shops Act, 1950

There are 122 Shops, 19 Rublic Houses, 7 Clubs and 2 off licenses. 71 Visits have been made regarding ventilation, temperature and samitary conveniences.

Type of business			Number
Boot and Shoe Butchers			4
Chemists Confectioners			13 1 11
Cycle Accessories Drapers			7 1
Drug Store Electrical Goods			4
Fancy Goods Fried Fish and Chip			1 5 1 10
Greengrocery and Fish Grocery and Provision			
Hairdressers	10	A STATE OF STREET	10
Herbalist Newsagents			4 1 8 2 1
Paint and Wallpaper Pet Foods, etc.	-		2
Sweets and Tobacco	Taglier.		_5
			122

# SUMMARY OF VISITS & INSPECTIONS

Inspection of dwellinghouses Reinspection of dwellinghouses Inspection re Shops Act, Inspection of Bakehouses " " Fried Fish & Chip Shops " " Butchers Shops " " Clubs " " Factories " " Drainage " " Tip  Visits re infectious diseases " to schools " to Day Nurseries " re Clean Air Act " re application for Council houses " re water supplies " re Farms " re Rag Flock " re Rodent Control " re unsound food	82 62 71 7 2 36 2 17 4 232 7 8 6 20 16 18 1 24
" re Rodent Control	1 24 3 500 53 6 7 86 120
	1381

# SUMMARY OF NUISANCES & DEFECTS REMEDIED

Roof repaired	4
Rainwater pipe repaired	1
Ceiling plaster repaired	1
Windows repaired	2
W.C. Pedestal renewed	1
Doors repaired	1
Burst water service repaired	1 3 1
Bavesgutters repaired	3
Accumulation of manure removed	1
Seepage of oil	1
Dampness	1
Flashings repaired	1
Keeping of animals	1
Sink waste pipe repaired	1
Percolation	1
Fireplace repaired	1
Ashbins provided	48
renewed	147
Sanitary pails renewed	2
Infestation, Rats and Mice	21
	240
	-