[Report 1963] / Medical Officer of Health, Milnrow U.D.C.

Contributors

Milnrow (England). Urban District Council.

Publication/Creation

1963

Persistent URL

https://wellcomecollection.org/works/a24yktmz

License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution license.

This licence permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



MILNROW UMBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OFTHE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1963





MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1963

To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

Population

The estimated population of the district for 1963 is 8,310 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £246,343 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £399.

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	
	26.1
Total (all forms)	16.4
Respiratory Tuberculosis	Nil
Malignant neoplasms	1.44
Live birth rates per 1,000 population	20.8
Still births per 1,000 total births	12.9
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	Nil
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	13.1
Neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	13.1
Early neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	13.1
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	25.8

	М	F	Total
Live births	81	70	151
Legitimato	79	69	148
Illegitimate	2	1	3
Stillbirths	1	1	2
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 1 year	-	2	2
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	2	2
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks	-	2	. 2
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 1 week	-	2	2
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

- 2 -

Rates per 1,000 of Population

Year	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	Deat (All No. Reg.	Causes) Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births		OF STREET PROPERTY.	Infant Mortal No. of deaths Reg.	ity Rate
1963 1962	153 118	18.4 14.6	139 135	16.4 17.0	2 2	12.9	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	6 8	13.1 25.4
Prov. year Diff.	+35	+3.8	+4	-0.6	10 10	-3.8	Particular of the Common of th	100	-2	-12.3

Vital Statistics 1944 - 1963

Year	Population Estimated to Middle of	l to		imated to				A RESIDENCE	antile aths	Maternal Mortalit	
	Each Year	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate		
1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963	7661 7671 8134 8290 8418 8514 8596 8557 8578 8535 8540 8500 8460 8410 8360 8380 8380 8380 8110 7819 8310	129 131 147 166 145 146 134 142 137 134 100 126 88 124 125 122 102 119 118 153	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 14.6 18.4	97 111 105 112 117 128 126 123 128 90 117 129 100 108 126 97 132 135 139	12.6 14.4 12.9 13.5 13.2 14.3 14.7 14.4 14.0 9.9 13.2 14.6 15.2 12.4 13.3 15.6 12.1 16.9 17.0 16.4	2 9 6 5 9 6 3 5 6 2 1 2 3 Nil 7 2 4 5 8 6	15.5 68 40 50 62 43 15 35 44 15 10 16 34 Nil 5.6 16.4 39.2 42 25.4 13.1	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	18.2	18.4
Doath rate	12.2	16.4
Maternal Mortality rate	0.28	Nil
Infantile Mortality rate	20.9	13.1

Causes of Death during the year 1963

1	Made and a state of the state o				
2	Tuberculosis Respiratory				-
3	" other				-
4	Syphilitic disease				-
5	Diphtheria				-
5	Whooping cough				-
7	Meningoecal Infections				-
8	Acute Poliomyelitis				-
	Moasles				-
9	Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases				-
11	Malignant Neoplasm Stomach				-
12	" Lung, Bronchus				1
	" Breast				3 2
13	" Uterus				2
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms				6
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia				-
16	Diabetis				-
17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System				1.6
18	Coronary Disease, Angina			• • • •	32
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease		•		2
20	Other Heart Diseases				31
21	Other Circulatory Diseases				
22	Influenza	***	***		3
23	Pneumonia	000			9
24	Bronchitis				19
25	Other diseases of the respiratory syste	* * * *			
26	Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum				_
27	Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea				_
28	Nephritis & Nephrosis				_
29	Hyperplasia of prostate				_
30	Prognancy, childbirth, abortion			• • • •	
31	Congenital Malformations			***	
32	Other defined and ill defined Diseases				9
33	Hotor Vehicle Accidents				1
34	All other accidents				1
35	Suicide			• • • •	3
36	Homicide & Operations of War				2
	monitoride of obelia crous of wal.				
					139

Deaths Occurring Outside District

Place of Death	M	F	Total
Birch Hill Hospital	18	27	45
Marland Hospital	7	Nil	7
Rochdale Infirmary	3	2	5
Booth Hall Hospital	-	1	1
Oldham & District General Hospital	1	Nil	1
S. Heap & Son, Caldershaw	1	Nil	1
Crumpsall Hospital	1	Nil	1

Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate

	No. of Deaths	Rate	Increase or Decrease
Infant Mortality 1963 " 1962	6 8	13.1 25.4	-12.3
Maternal Nortality 1963	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	

Notifiable Infectious Diseases

	Total	Under 1 yr.	1-2	2 - 3	3-4	6-4	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 65	65 & over	Deaths in Hospital
Scarlot Fover Measles Tuberculosis	3 114 1	4	8	12	23	20	2 42					1		

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 Welfare

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 Lancashire County Council, Divisional Health No. 13.

Cleansing Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Centre Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.

Immunisation Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.

Ambulance The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire Facilities County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Radcliffe.

Infectious The hospitals are administered by the Regional Diseases Hospital Board.

I am,

Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE. M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OFTHE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1963

Council Offices, Milnrow.

February, 1964.

MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector

for the year 1963

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

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

Owing to the increase in meat inspection and the implementation of the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 on the 1st October, 1963, Mr. H. Johnson was appointed as additional Public Health Inspector.

The regulations lay down the method of inspection and state that the carcass shall be marked identifying the person who made the inspection, this necessitates much more time being taken to complete meat inspection.

Although representations were made to the Minister by many bodies to allow the Local Authority to regulate the hours of slaughter, the Minister would not agree. This is to be regretted as the hours of slaughter make it necessary for inspection to be carried out at most inconvenient times and makes the times of inspection by the Public Health Inspector dependant on the whims of the trade.

It would appear that no consideration was given to the times that it may be necessary for the Public Health Inspector to carry out inspection. In view of the demand by industry for less hours it would appear that the Public Health Inspector has to work additional hours, 7 days per week.

Another feature of the regulations is the charge made for inspection, again it is quoted by the trade that they are paying for inspection, therefore the officers should inspect at their convenience.

If the meat trade, as a whole, would only organise their business, I see no reason why the hours of slaughter should not conform to the normal hours of other trades. This has been achieved in some countries.

From the 1st November, the department has taken over the administration of Standard Grants. The Council have decided to try to increase the number of Standard Grants by approaching the owners.

If the Housing Bill, now before Parliament, becomes legislation, additional powers will be given to the Local Authorities to deal with this problem.

As and from the 1st January, 1964, the department will be responsible for the inspection of all drainage work.

The Council decided to have a "Works Study" carried out on the Refuse Collection Service to investigate the best method of refuse collection and to provide an incentive bonus scheme, taking into consideration the new housing development in the district.

During the year one factory completed the electrification of the works and are now only using one boiler for heating purposes. Another factory is now using solid smokeless fuel.

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, also to Mr. Johnson for his loyal co-operation since his appointment.

I am, Yours faithfully, H. NUNN. Public Health Inspector. Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2018 with funding from Wellcome Library

ENVIRONDENTAL HEALTH

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

*CARRY TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE	
Housing	
Number of houses erected during the year	
Py other bodies	109
By Local Authority	Nil
Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year	
Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for	
housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	114
Number of inspections made for the purpose	209
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a	-07
state as to be dangerous or injurious to health	2
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred	-
to under preceeding sub-heading) found not to be in	
all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	43
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	32
addat station by or 100 or 10015	1
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	7
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were	-
remedied after service of formal notice	
(a) by owner	7
(b) by Local Authority in default of owner	Nil
(a) by model removedy in details of owner	NALL
Proceedings under Section 16 & 17 Housing Act, 1957	
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which	
Demolition Orders were made	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance	MTT
of Demolition Orders.	Nil
or penotition orders.	INTI
Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government	
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953	
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which	
Closing Orders were made	2
Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance	-
of Closing Orders	2
01 010219 010019	-
Housing Act, 1947. 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
member or cases or preservanting refrestor armany year	4122
Houses in the district and their Canitary Conditions	
Houses	3196
Farns	73
Shops with dwelling accommodation	98
Factories, workshops, lock-up shops, etc.	90
Houses, back to back	146
Pail closets	142
Waste water closets	27
Water closets	3315
Ashbina	3322

4	Nil
	118 116 34 18 18 18 18 18 18 Nil
	Nil Nil Nil

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

		ing Act 949	House Pur Housing A	chase &
	Discreticiary Grants Stan			Grants
Action during year	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	Nil	Nil	67	
(b) Approved by Local Authority	Nil	Nil	67	67
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	Nil	Nil	Nil	67 N43
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil Nil
(e) Work completed	Nil	Nil	61	61 61

Water Supply

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 3367 houses of the district, 3182 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, 1 sample was taken for bacteriological examination and 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 142. 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

The cleansing service is operated by one 71 cub.yard side loading and one 11-15 cub.yard "Bantam" Karrier packer refuse collection vehicles staffed by two drivers and 6 men.

The refuse is emptied from 3322 ashbins.

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

The refuse collection vehicles covered 7162 miles and collected 1478 loads.

The reduction in mileage and number of loads collected is due to the new packer vehicle.

Disposal

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The 1478 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 169 ashbins have been renewed and 137 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
16 visits have been made to business premises regarding the provision of the Clean Air Act.

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

Rodent Control

Type of Property.

	to the other parameters are an area of the				
	Dwelling houses	Local Authority	Business Premises	Agriculture	
No. of properties inspected	139	1	70	11	
Total inspections carried out (including re-inspections)	268	3	80	11	
No. of properties inspected which were infested by Rats	20	Nil.	2	Nil	
Mice	5	Nil	1	Nil	
No. of infested properties treated	25	Nil	3	Nil	

A test baiting of the sewers was made during the year. 32 manholes were baited and 2 takes recorded. The sections infested were treated. The rat population in the sewers appears to be very low.

Factories

There are 45 factories in the district made up as follows:-

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 105 Food shops; 43 visits have been made to these premises; 24 of these visits were made under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1958.

Food Premises

Type of Business	N-
Bakers and Confectioners	No.
Butchers	10
Fried Fish & Chip	
Greengrocers	5
Grocery & Provisions	27
Sweets & Soft Drinks	31
Restaurants, canteens and snack bars	13
Licensed premises - Public Houses	18
Clubs	8

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

Slaughterhouses

There are 4 slaughterhouses in operation in the district of which 3 are being used by wholesale butchers.

From the statistics it will be seen that the number of animals killed has greatly increased and the inspection of meat is taking the major portion of Mr. Johnson's time.

It will be appreciated that practically the whole of the meat from these slaughterhouses is exported to other districts.

During the year 1259 visits have been made to slaughterhouses.

Marie Co. in property of the party	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed Number inspected	2751 2702	3645 3559	258 255	16476 16220	377 368
All Diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	1	8	5	2+	Nil
Carcases of which some part or Organ was condemned	143	628	-1	8	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	5.32%	17.879	1.96%	0.07%	1.35
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cystecercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalized and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of carcass meat and organs condemned - 5 tons, 2 cwts., 7 st, 2 lbs.

Other foods inspected and condemned: -

1 tin Pork 4 lbs
1 " Ham 11 "
7 x 6lb. tins
Corned Beef 42 "
1 tin Lambs
Liver 10 "

Milk Sampling

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

The nursery also uses Pasteurised milk.

	No. taken	Phosphatase test		Methylene Blue test	
	+	S	N.S	S	N.S
Schools Day Nursery	6 3	6 3	=	6 3	-

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

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

-5-

A total of 43 samples was obtained, consisting of 30 samples of milk and 13 others comprising: -

1 Cake decorations

1 Blackcurrant health drink with Vitamin C

1 Cough mixture

2 Meat and potato pies

1 Bacon

1 Flavouring material

1 Castor oil

1 Laxative

2 Fresh fruit

1 Linctus

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

Type of Sample

Result of Analysis

Action Taken

1 Meat and potato pie

Contained one dead, unidentified Manufacturers moth weighing 5 mgms.

cautioned and complainant informed.

Shops Act, 1950
There are 112 shops, 18 Public Houses, 7 Clubs and 2 Off Licences. 19 Visits have been made regarding ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences.

Type of business		Number
Boot and Shoe		4
Butchers		10
Chemists		1
Confectioners		10
Cycle Accessories		1
Drapers		7
Drug Store		i
Electrical Goods		2
Fancy Goods		1
Fried Fish & Chip		5
Gowns		5
Greengrocery and Fish		7
Grocery and Provisions		31
Hairdressers		11
Hardware		4
Herbalist		1
Newsagents		8
Paint and Wallpaper		2
Pet Food and Gardening	Equipment	1
Sweets and Tobacco		4
		-
		112
		CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Inspection of dwellinghouses Reinspection of dwellinghouses	114 95
Visits re Shops Act	
Inspection of Bakehouses	19
" Fried Fish & Chip Shops	6
" Butchers	0
" " Canteens	2
" " Clubs	1 2
" Licensed Premises	7 6 9 1 3 2
" Factories	
" " Schools	40
" Day Nurseries	9 5
Visits re Clean Air Act	16
Inspection of drainage	
Visits to Tips	16
" re applications for Council houses	242
" re water supplies	8
" to farms	19
" re Rodent Control	11
" re Unsound Food	55
" to Slaughterhouses	11
" re Ice Cream	1259
" re Food Hygiene Regulations	1
" re Waste Food Order	24
Smoke Observations	6
Visits re Caravans	1
" re Standard Grants	14
	3
" re Accumulation of rubbish	
re keruse correction	16
not inspections	95
Miscellaneous visits	1.01
	007.0
	2219
SUMMARY OF NUISANCES & DEFECTS REMEDIED	
Roofs repaired	3
W.C. chamber doors repaired	3 3 5
W.C. cisterns repaired	5
W.C. chamber roofs repaired	í
Connection between W.C. pedestal and drain repaired	1
Broken W.C. seats renewed	2
W. C. pedestal renewed	7
Burst water service to W.C. cistern repaired	2 1 1 8
Percolations	8
Choked drains released	
Doors repaired	2
Choked sink waste pipe released	1
Sink waste pipe repaired	1
Burning of rubbish	1
Dampness	6 2 1 1 2 1 1
Eavesgutter repaired	7
Cesspool emptied	2
Drain repaired	1
Ashbins renewed	169
" provided	
Sanitary pails renewed	137
	348