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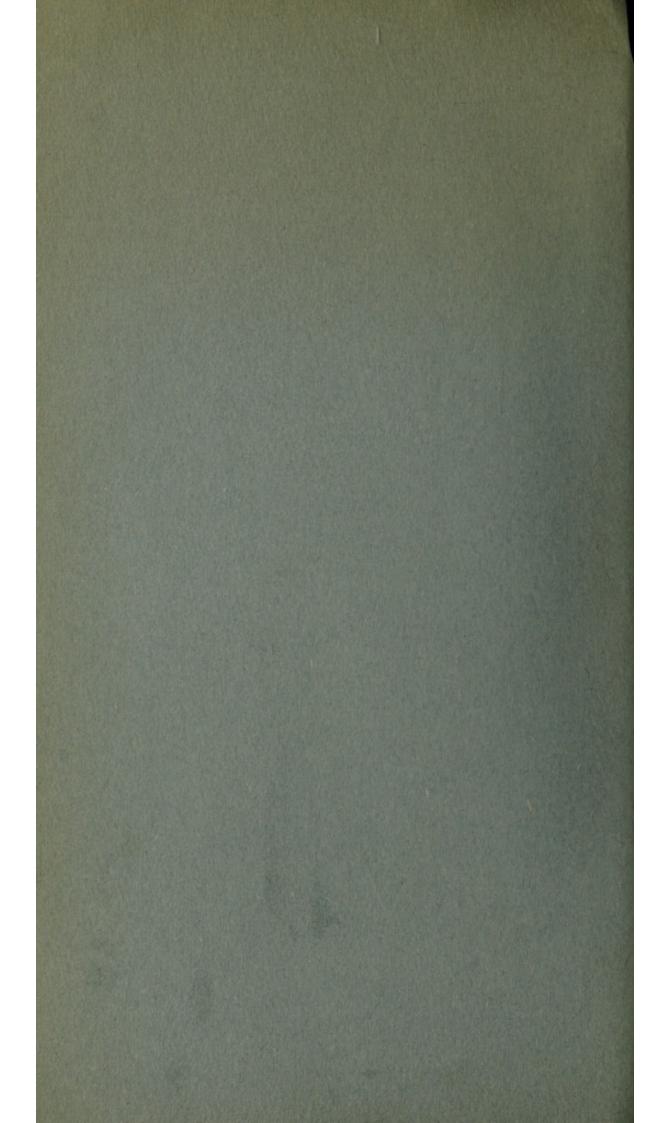
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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTHWICH

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Chairman: Clr. P. Clarke, J.P.

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F. Seymour, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for Northwich Urban District Council, Winsford Urban District Council and Middlewich Urban District Council

> and Divisional Medical Officer to the Mid-Cheshire Division

Chief Public Health Inspector:

J.S. Carrie, Cert. R.S.I., Cert. Meat & Food
Inspector, Cert. San. Science,
Cert. Smoke Inspector & Boiler
House Management, Hon. Cert.
Hygiene R.I. Public Health &
Hygiene.

Other appointments: Cleansing Superintendent & Transport Officer.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:

W.P. Musgrave, Cert. R.S.I.

R.D. Clarke, Cert. R.S.I., Cert. Meat & Food Inspector.

Assistant Public Health Inspector:

H.R. Worsley

Pupil Public Health Inspector:

D.A. Eaton

Chief Clerical Assistants:

Miss M. Walters

Mrs. M. Bird (part time - services shared with the other three Mid-Cheshire Districts)

Junior Clerical Assistant:

Mrs. J. Johnson

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTHWICH

Telephone No:

Northwich 4251

Hartford Hill, David Street, NORTHWICH, Cheshire. May, 1965.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Northwich Rural District Council.

Dear Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the environmental health and sanitary circumstances of the Council's district for the year 1964.

For the information of members I have attached as an appendix my Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee.

I would once again like to express my appreciation to Mr. Carrie, the Staff of the Public Health Department and the Council's Chief Officers, for their co-operation and help during the year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

F. SEYMOUR.

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION I

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (estimated mid-year 1964)

Area (acres of District)

Number of inhabited dwellings
Rateable value of area

Product of Penny Rate, (1964)

40,170

57,017 acres
13,234

£1,194,360.

£4,821

Comparative Statistics - 1963/64

	Y	ear
	1964	1963
Population	40,170	40,040
Rateable Value	£1,194,360	£1,167,257
Product of Penny Rate	£4,821	£4,821. 2. 9d.
Number of inhabited dwellings	13,234	13,057

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	301	284	585
Illegitimate	14	16	30
Crude Birth Rate per 1000 p +Corrected Live Birth Rate p	The state of the s	lation	15.3
(Comparability factor 1.0			16.2
Illegitimate Live Births pe	er cent of to	otal births	4.9
	Males	Females	Total
Still Births	2	5	7
Live and Still Births	317	305	622
Stillbirth Rate per 1000 to	tal live and	still birth	hs 11.3
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	Males	Females	Total

7

Legitimate Illegitimate

⁺ see Page 2.

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births			11.4
Nec-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1000 total live births)			9.8
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one per 1000 total live births)	week		8.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths one week combined per 1000 total live and s births)			19.3
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)			Nil
<u>Deaths</u> <u>Males</u>	F	emales	Total
All causes 214		182	396
Death Rate per 1000 population			9.9
+Corrected Death Rate per 1000 population (Comparability Factor 1.20)			11.8

+ NOTE: The corrected birth and death rates are those which are obtained when the crude local rates are adjusted to make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales. The corrected rates are comparable with the crude rates for England and Wales, and the corresponding adjusted rates for any other area.

CAUSES OF DEATH

As will be seen from the following table the two principal causes of death were diseases of the heart and circulation which caused approximately 50% of the deaths, and cancer which caused approximately 20%.

		Males	Females	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
2.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	5	9
3.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	16	1	17
4.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	8	8
5.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	10	10
6.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	20	16	36
7.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	2	3
8.	Diabetes	1	2	3
9.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	35	25	60
10.	Coronary disease, angina	47	25	72
11.	Hypertension with heart disease	4	1	5
12.	Other heart disease	21	33	54
13.	Other circulatory disease	9	7	16
14.	Influenza	-	1	1
15.	Pneumonia	13	13	26
16.	Bronchitis	6	8	14
17.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
18.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-	2
19.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
20.	Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-	2 1 4 2
21.	Congenital malformations	1	1	
22.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	18	31
23.	Motor vehicle accidents	9	4	13
24.	All other accidents	4	2	6
25.	Suicide	1		1
		214	182	396

SECTION II

HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the County Health Services in the area such as Home Help, Chiropody Service, Care and After Care equipment, are given in the Appendix to this Report, and further details may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Officer at the Divisional Medical Office, David Street, Northwich. Telephone number - Northwich 4251.

(2) HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Northwich Rural District, apart from Tarporley, lies within the Manchester Regional Hospital Board's area, whose offices are at Cheetwood Road, Manchester, 8, Telephone number - Deansgate 6441, Tarporley being within the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board's area, whose offices are at Pearl Assurance House, 55 Castle Street, Liverpool, 2, Telephone number - Central 8464.

Several meetings of the Mid Cheshire Hospital Facilities Committee have been held during the year. It is pleasing to note after the comments in last year's Report that the District Council was kept fully informed of the future plans of the Regional Hospital Board. The Council endorsed the change in the accident service at the Northwich Infirmary and supported the recommendation to the Ministry of Health that a new District Hospital be built to the north west of Crewe at Leighton.

(3) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens and samples taken by the Health Department are submitted for examination to the Chester Public Health Laboratory.

(4) AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance service is provided by the County Council and is under radio control from central control at County Hall, Chester. All 999 calls made by members of the public are immediately connected to this central control. The arrangement for non-urgent calls is that the patient or general practitioner should ring the Northwich Depot - Telephone number: Northwich 3355.

(5) MIDWIFERY & HOME NURSING, Health Visitors, Clinics, Old People's Clubs, Facilities for the Elderly, Physically Handicapped Club, Family Planning Clinic, Mothers' Club - see Appendix.

SECTION III

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-1951

Section 47

Under this Section when persons (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions, and (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention, the local authority may apply to a Court of Surmary Jurisdiction for an Order to remove the person to a suitable place.

With regard to the expeditious procedure as laid down in the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, the Medical Officer of Health or any duly qualified person acting for the Medical Officer of Health is authorised by the Council to make the requisite application to a Justice of the Peace.

Section 50

Under this Section the District Council has the duty to arrange for the burial of any person who has died in their area, if no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made.

It was not necessary to take any action under either of these Sections during the year.

SECTION IV

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(1) NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the year 1963 and 1964:

DISEASE	Cases	Notified
DIOLEGE	1964	1963
Measles	451	486
Scarlet Fever	13	22
Whooping Cough	16	18
Pneumonia	3	3
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	2
Dysentery	2	1
Encephalitis	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	50

Two isolated cases of dysentery were notified. In addition, seven cases of diarrhoea which were reported by a school were investigated but no pathogens were isolated.

Investigations were carried out in conjunction with other Authorities in following up several suspected cases of food poisoning.

SMALLPOX

Persons coming into the district from areas where smallpox is endemic are kept under surveillance by the Department during the incubation period of the disease.

SECTION V

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Statement of Inspections made and Notices issued

Nature of Inspections made	Number	Informa	1 Notices	Statutory	Notices
and the second reduction	Number	Issued	Complied with	Issued	Complie
GENERAL SANITATION					WT CII
Dwelling houses - Housing Act	050				10000
Dwelling houses - P.H. Act	850	8	7	16	26
Overcrowding	55	5	1	-	-
Movable Dwellings	2	-	-	-	-
Infectious Diseases	23	-	-	-	_
Disinfection of Premises	17	-	-	-	_
Disinfestation of Premises	1	-	-	-	_
Sanitary Accommodation	239	-	-	_	_
Drainage, Septic Tanks etc.	174	1	5	- 1	
Water Courses and Ditches	1022	12	7	_	_
Water Courses and Ditches	29	-	2	- 1	
Water Supply	7	-	-		
Keeping of Animals	76	1	_		-
Effluvium Nuisances	46	1		1	-
Refuse Collection	1080		_	1	T
Rodent Control	1083		-	- 1	-
Provision of Dustbins	400	300	308	-	-
Refuse Disposal and Tips	434	300	308	-	-
Public Conveniences	5	-	1	-	-
Public Halls etc.	2	-	-	-	-
Schools		-	-	-	_
Swimming Baths	30	- 1	-	-	_
Canal Boats	1	-	-	-	_
Snoke Observations	12	-	-	-	_
	35	-	-		
Minirdressing Establishments	53				The state of the s
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	436	-	1		-
	166	_		-	-
Offensive Accumulations	31	3	2	-	-
Animal Boarding Establishments	45		5	-	-
Air Pollution	26			-	-
Offices, Shops & Railway Pren.Act	112	-	-	-	-
FOOD HYGIENE		-	-	-	-
Meat and Food Inspection	1423			CONTRACTOR OF	
Slaughterhouses	51	-	-	-	-
Butchers	65	7	-	-	-
Fishmongers		1	-	-	-
Grocers and Greengrocers	16	-	-	-	-
Shops re Byelaws	157	-	2	-	-
Food Proposition Durant	16	-	-	- 1	-
Food Preparing Premises Dairies	85	-	-	-	-
	31	- 1	-	- 1	_
Ice-cream Manufacturers & Dealers	23	1	-	-	_
Bakehouses	10	1	2		
Fried Fish Shops	41	-	-	_	
Restaurants	38	-			-
Factory Canteens	4	-			
School Canteens	21			-	-
Vehicles delivering Milk and Food	35	3		HOLETON OF	-
Licensed Premises	12	1	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Food Visits		-	-	-	-
deneral Stores (Sweets, Tobacco et	134	-	-	-	-
pen Air Sporting Events		-	-	-	-
oultwr Pooler - Ct. +	20	-	-	-	-
Coultry Packing Station	35	-	-	-	-
ACTORIES			-1	20 11-14	
factories - Power	22	2	2	-	-
actories - Non-power	1	-	_	-	_
Milding Sites	1	-	-		
utworkers Premises	1	-	-	_	-
arages	- 1	-	_		1
					-
Carried forward	8743	339	345	17	27

Nature of Inspections made	Number	Informal	l Notices	Statutor	y Notices
		Issued	Complied with	Issued	Complied with
Brought forward	8743	339	345	17	27
Water	8	-	-	-	-
Milk	121	-	- 1	-	-
Ice-cream	19	-	-	-	-
Sewage	5	-	-	-	-
In connection with Food Poisoning	17	-	-	-	1 -
In connection with Dysentery	7	-	-	-	-
Other Foods	52	-	-	-	-
Idquid Egg	2	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	8974	339	345	17	27

FACTORIES ACT. 1937 and 1948 Part 1 of the Act

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

Premises	No. on	No.	of	
	Register	Inspect-	Written Notices	Prosecutions
Factories with mechanical power	115	89*	-	eloc estrat solte et est. L
Factories without mechanical power	6	-	-	and it arranged no
Other premises	18	-	-	
TOTALS:	139	89		_ in line let

^{*}This includes Factories and Bakehouses

Cases in which defects were found:-

		per of cases efects were	Number of cases in which prose-		
Particulars			Referred		cutions were
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	instituted
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	- 1
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	- elemen
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	200000000000000000000000000000000000000
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	a	min-Link palo
Ineffective Drainage of floors	-	-	-	- 99	and the second s
Sanitary Conveniences (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	- 70.01
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	3	-	2	
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including					
offences relating to Outwork)	-	_	-	-	-
TOTALS:	-	3	_	2	_

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The purpose of this Act is to provide employees in offices, shops and railway premises with those minimum environmental working conditions such as are provided for industrial workers under the Factories Acts.

The following are the main items which are covered by the Act:

- 1. Cleanliness
- 2. Overcrowding
- 3. Temperature
- 4. Ventilation
- 5. Lighting
- 6. Sanitary conveniences
- 7. Washing facilities
- 8. Drinking water
- 9. Clothing accommodation
- 10. Provision of seats
- 11. Facilities for taking neals
- 12. Cleanliness of floors, passages and stairs
- 13. Safety precautions on machinery
- 14. Permitted levels of noise and vibration
- 15. First-aid facilities
- 16. Fire precautions

The main provisions came into operation on the 1st August, 1964, but certain administrative provisions, became operative on the 1st May and they were:-

> Section 49 Registration of Premises

Section 29 (2) -Application for Fire Certificates

where required

Section 46 Application for, and the grant of, Certificate of Exemption from certain

requirements of the Act.

The Ministry of Labour and the Central Office of Information issued a guide on the Act, its object being to explain to owners and occupiers of premises in non legal terms the obligations they would have to neet.

The Health Department issued to all premises where the provisions of the Act were applicable, forms of application for registration, and on receipt of these all premises were given a preliminary inspection to ensure that they were registerable under the Act. The work of detailed inspection has also been commenced.

Certain premises are the responsibility of the Local Authority and others that of the District Factories Inspector. The Minister has appointed one of his Superintending Inspectors of Factories to be a liaison officer and the County Chief Fire Officer is to be responsible for the inspection and issue of Certificates in respect of fire precautions.

The Act requires all registered persons to report to the Local Authority any accidents on the premises and these reports are categorized and forwarded to the Ministry at the end of each quarter. Annual reports are also made of the number of inspections, exemptions and prosecutions.

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply is provided by the Mid & South East Cheshire Water Board whose offices are at Weaverham Grange, Northwich. The supply of the area has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity. It is not liable to have a plumbo-solvent action. During the year various mains extensions to serve new development both on Council Housing and Private Estates were carried out. Details of the number of dwellings and population supplied with mains water, either direct or by means of a standpipe are included in the Appendix attached to this Report.

The Water Board has sent for information copies of the Analyst's reports on 56 samples. All samples were satisfactory.

In addition, the Public Health Department took 8 samples of water from premises within the area and submitted them to the Public Health Laboratory. All samples were satisfactory.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Public Health Department took 5 samples of sewage and sewage effluents as follows:-

1 sample of crude sewage entering Lostock Works.

l sample of effluent from a septic tank at a house in Allostock.

l sample of effluent taken from a Poultry Packing Station.

2 samples of effluent from Oakmere Sewerage Works. This sample was taken to assist the Surveyor in design for the rebuilding of the Works.

This proved unsatisfactory and the owner agreed to attend to his septic tank and to culvert a section of ditch to prevent further nuisance.

This sample was taken to assist the Surveyor to assess a trade effluent entering the public sewer.

These samples were taken during the Surveyor's experiments regarding the addition of sodium aluminate.

The following statement, for which I am indebted to Mr. J.B. Birtwistle, the Engineer & Surveyor to the Council, sets out in some detail the main drainage schemes of the Council during 1964:-

"Acton - During the year, the extension to the main scheme involved the construction of another Pumping Station which has been completed. The majority of the owners of properties within the drainage areas are now making application for connection to the main sewerage system.

Bostock - Subsequent to the sewer laying being completed in 1963, connections to this sewer are now being effected.

Comberbach - This scheme for sewering and providing a sewage disposal works commenced in August and by the end of 1964, 75% of the sewers had been laid and the treatment works were in an advanced stage of construction.

<u>Cuddington</u> - The detailed design for the reconstruction of the sewage disposal works reached the final stages and it is anticipated that this scheme will be submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for their approval in the very near future.

Davenhan, Hartford & Rudheath Joint Sewerage Scheme - A scheme has been submitted to the Ministry for their outline approval and further detail is being prepared for the Ministry so that the scheme can be considered in greater detail.

<u>Delamere</u> (Western Area) - The sewer laying was completed early in 1964 and in August after the completion of the sewage treatment works in the Tarvin Rural District parish of Kelsall, it was possible for the properties to connect.

<u>Little Budworth</u> - Preliminary site works have commenced for the construction of the new treatment works.

Lostock Gralam - Design details have been commenced for the preparation of a scheme to provide a completely new sewage treatment works.

Oakmere - Investigations have commenced prior to preparing an extension of the sewage treatment works to accommodate the trade effluent produced by the Cheshire Farm Fare Limited.

Sproston - The sewering of the Sproston Green area has been completed and the sewage disposal works are expected to be completed shortly.

Weaverhan - Owley Wood - In order to centralise the treatment of all flows in the Parish of Weaverhan, diversions have been carried out to by-pass the Owley Wood Sewage Treatment Works and all sewage is now treated at the main treatment works off Weaverhan Hill. The Owley Wood Works is to be demolished".

CLOSET CONVERSIONS - Public Health Act, 1936, Section 47 (iv)

With the completion of the Sewerage Scheme in Acton and Bostock, the Department has continued its efforts to persuade owners to convert existing pail closets to the water carriage system by means of either Standard or Discretionary Grants or by assistance under Section 47(iv) of the Public Health Act, 1936.

All the owners of properties concerned in the parish of Acton have been interviewed and assistance given regarding procedure. As a result of this good progress is being made.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICES

Location

A fortnightly refuse collection service has been maintained throughout the year and in the urbanised section of the area this cycle has been improved by the continuance of the incentive bonus payments to employees ergaged in this work.

The refuse collected is disposed of by controlled tipping at the following locations:-

2001,0201	Frevious use
Ash Hill, Tarporley.	Stone quarry
Daleford Lane, Marton.	Sand quarry
Cff Uplands Road, Anderton.	Low lying land
Off Winchan Lane, Winchan.	Old Munition Works site

A total of 4,107 loads of refuse were removed and disposed of at these tips.

After the Ferry Road tip has been covered it will be seeded in the hope that the land may in time be returned to the owner to form the extension of a cattle pasture.

Under the Municipal Bin Hire Schene 279 bins have been provided. A charge of 7/6d is made in such instances and is recoverable with the General Rate collections.

The Labour force employed by the Department consists of the following:

1 General Foreman

9 Drivers

1 Calfdozer Operator

19 Scavenging Loaders

1 Bulldozer Operator

The Cesspool Emptiers dealt with 681 septic tanks and cesspools throughout the year, and at the same time maintained a weekly nightsoil collection.

Regular servicing of all the Council's vehicles has been carried out by the Vehicle Maintenance Section. A schedule of the Council's vehicles is included in the Appendix attached to this Report.

SALVAGE OF WASTE MATERIALS

Salvage shows an increase over the previous year of approximately 75 tons and the income by £700. This means an increase of over £1,500 in two years.

The Mills have now asked local authorities to make an effort to increase their monthly supplies of waste paper and the Department plans to make efforts to this end.

Two additional salvage trailers have now been purchased which means that all vehicles engaged on refuse collection will, from 1st January, 1965, tow with them salvage trailers.

The total amount of salvage collected during the year was as follows:-

		Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
Paper	 	 436	17	-	-
Textiles	 	 4	1	2	24

SALVAGE OF WASTE MATERIALS

Year		Paper		Textiles Scrap Iron etc. Miscellaneous			Scrap Iron etc.		eous	Total			
	T.	C.	Q.	T.	c.	Q.	T.	c.	Q.	T.	c.	Q.	Value £
1940	103	12	-	3	15	-	155	13	-				953
1941	124	19	3	4	14	-	110	10	-				1219
1942	250	16	2	28	4	1	145	17	1				2242
1943	165	8	1	31	12	-	199	-	-				2210
1944	155	-	-	19	-	-	34	10	-	29	-	_	1582
1945	120	-	-	17	-	-	6	-	-	2	10	_	1124
1946	108	16	-	8	16	1	3	17	-	2	3	1	1237
1947	118	6	-	15	12	3	7	16	-	1	14	2	1226
1948	183	19	2	25	5	2	24	10	_	13	6	1	1825
1949	199	1	2	20	5	-	24	13	3	6	13	2	1656
1950	177	11	-	12	10	-	1	19	-		7	2	1274
1951	264	10	3	21	19	-		12	2	2	2	2	4906
1952	267	9	2	13	2	3	1	4	3				2575
1953	306	18	2	7	5	2		5	2				2682
1954	334	3	-	6	18	3		2	1				2886
1955	376	19	-	5	11	3	T PER	9	11				3595
1956	372	3	2	4	8	3		3	16				3474
1957	395	18	2	4	10	3	2	8	3	100			3698
1958	382	9	3	5	3	2		5	1				3463
1959	354	18	-	4	5	3		7	3				3087
1960	358	9	2	4	8	3		4	3				3094
1961	317	-	3	3	6	2		3	1				2847
1962	259	13	3	1	13	3			1				2311
1963	361	13	3	3	4	1							3133
1964	436	17	-	4	1	3							3839
	6496	15	3	276	16	1	720	19	3	57	17	2	62138

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE

The Council's Rodent Operative has carried out 625 operational visits in the treatment of 570 premises. Dwelling houses are treated on a "Free Service" basis. The treatment of various business premises has been carried out under the terms of Contracts between the Council and the occupiers. The total income from this source amounted to £588. The different types of business premises treated under Contract are as follows:-

	320
	8
	32
	3
	2
	2
	9
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Clearance work on isolated premises is carried out on a time and labour basis. The income from this type of work was £59.

The Operative, under the supervision of one of the Public Health Inspectors, also carried out the annual 10% test baiting of the Council's sewers. This showed that there was only infestation in three parishes, and these were eradicated by treatment.

Regular visits of inspection are made to the Council's sewage works and tips, and treatment carried out when required.

The types of poisons used in control work are as follows:-

Warfarin Nos. 1 & 5 - Dwelling houses

Zinc Phosphide - Isolated tips and sewers

The Council's Rodent Operative, one of the Public Health Inspectors and the Pupil Public Health Inspector attended a two-day course of instruction during the year.

INSUCT PESTS

During the year the Department received numerous requests for assistance in treating heavy infestations of premises with ants.

POULTRY FARM, HODGE LANE, WEAVERHAM.

The problem of aerial nuisance arising from the battery houses of the poultry farm in Hodge Lane adjacent to the residential development has continued to concern the Department, and has entailed a large number of inspections, together with research into the basic problems of poultry manure disposal.

Following the occurrence of an aerial nuisance in March, the Council served an Abatement Notice on the owner requiring that the nature tanks at his premises be emptied at not more than weekly intervals during the summer and fortunghtly during the winter months. This was felt to be the nazimum length of time which the collecting tanks could be allowed to go between emptyings before they went septic, but is a matter which will have to be kept under review as our experience increases. Apart from one incident when the tanks were not emptied within these time limits, due to an accident to a farm worker, the conditions in this area were reasonably satisfactory

following the serving of the Abatement Notice.

The Minister of Housing and Local Government was unable to confirm the Direction made by the Council under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1963, by which the Council sought to make further intensive livestock farming development in this area subject to specific planning permission.

The Minister considered that "the development which has given rise to complaints is not in itself an unusual form of agricultural development.... Although smells and other unpleasantnesses may have arisen from the operations being carried on, some degree of unpleasantness will be well nigh inseparable from such operations, wherever they are carried out, and in so far as they cause an unwarranted degree of annoyance or a danger to health, action is possible under other legistlation. Indeed, the Public Health Inspector appears to have had some success in securing a reduction in the degree of annoyance caused in this case. The Minister approciates that the operations carried on are unwelcome in some degree to nearby residents, but he cannot accept that the agricultural use of the site in question and the operations now being carried on there are so out of place in this predominately agricultural area that he should approve a special limitation on the use of that site".

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

Private baths are in use at the following addresses:-

Marbury Hall, Comberbach. Marton Camp School. 234 Chester Road, Hartford. Sandynere, Delamere. Pool Head, Rushton.

In addition, there is a children's paddling pool situated in Russett Road, Weaverham, owned by the Parish Council.

CAMPING SITES

The following licensed caravan sites were in operation throughout the Council's district during the year:-

- W. Mullin, Woodbine Cottage, Acton.
- 2. S. Worth, Sandy Lane, Allostock. (2 sites)
- 3. S. Stubbs, Pickerings Lock, Crowton.
- T. Lloyd, Off Stoney Lane, Delanere.
- J. Lloyd, Boot Inn, Willington Lane, Delanere.
- 6. H.W. Booth, Mill House Farn, Little Budworth.
- 7. J. Hockenhull, Red Lion Inn, Little Budworth.
- 8. C. Dickenson, Lamb Cottage, Marton.
- W.H. Brockley, Plough Inn, Marton.
- 10. F. Watkinson, Dalefords, Daleford Lane, Marton.
- 11. Manchester Sun & Air Society, Fox Covert Wood, Nether Peover.
- 12. Messrs. Harringtons Ltd., Chester Road, Calmere.
- 13. S. Worth, Off Chester Road, Oakmere.
- 14. Mrs. J. Clarke, Forest View Inn, Oakmere. P. Foster, Off Forest Road, Oakmere.
- 15.
- 16. Rev. R.M.W. Powell, The Rectory, Tarporley.

In addition to the above, 8 licences were issued for the stationing of individual caravans in the district.

Routine inspections of all sites were made by the Public Health Department. The Council continued to offer to all permanent sites regular collection of

nightsoil and refuse.

CANAL BOATS

The narrow canal boats stationed at Anderton and owned by the British Waterways are now being operated by a private Carrying Company.

Inspections this year have again been mainly for the purpose of clearing "Repair Notices" issued by other riparian authorities.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

36 Hairdressers and Barbers are licensed by the Council under the Cheshire County Council Act and your Inspectors have made 53 visits to these premises during the year. Satisfactory standards of cleanliness have been maintained.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the Rural District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT. 1963

Seven licences were issued under this Act and all the premises have been visited by the staff of the Public Health Department.

CLEAN AIR

A seven-day semi-automatic Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide Sampler is now operating from the Ambulance Wireless Repeater Station at Pale Heights, Delamere, by permission of the County Medical Officer of Health.

The Laboratory state that from results submitted to date it is obvious that, given certain weather conditions, the atmosphere over the survey area is adversely affected by the Merseyside comurbations. The Director feels that the results are proving to be of interest and that the survey from Delamere should continue to operate.

RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT. 1960.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, one certificate of registration was received from the Ministry in respect of a factory situated in this area.

SECTION VI

HOUSING

The work of the Department of inspecting and surveying houses has continued. The normal practice has been to deal with unfit houses in single units, but there are several small sites in the district which might be cleared to form small re-development areas which would be beneficial to the villages concerned in the general tidying up of the areas.

An increasing number of inspections is being made to verify claims of unfitness made by applicants for housing accommodation and in the event of the applicant being re-housed because of unfitness conditions, an undertaking is always received from the owner of the property concerned not to re-let until such time as repairs have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Council.

During the year 29 houses were demolished, 25 by statutory action and 4 by agreement. One Demolition Order was revoked after property had been reconditioned.

The following table gives details of houses demolished and built in various parishes:-

		Demolished	Council houses built	Private houses built
Acton		-	_	6
Allostock		-		4
Anderton		-71-1		1
Barnton		4	20	35
Bostock		-	_	-
Byley		_		_
Comberbach		_		2
Crowton		1	and Long till	-
Cuddington		_		17
Darnhall		_		-1
Davenhan		_		22
Delamere		1		2
Hartford		8	18	34
Lach Dennis		-	10	7
Little Budworth		1		2
Little Leigh		_	-	1
Lostock Gralam			_	2
Marbury			-	
Marston		3	-	-
Marton		_	-	2
Moulton			_	4
Nether Peover			_	1
Oakmere			-	1
Rudheath		_		-
Rushton		1		_
Sproston		_	<u> </u>	_
Stanthorne		_		2
Tarporley		1	_	28
Utkinton				4
Weaverham		7	25 Flats	12
Whateroft		_		_
Wimboldsley		-	-	_
Wincham		2	-	4
	Totals:	29	63	192

MORETON'S MEADE, WEAVERHAM.

The flatlet unit for elderly persons at Weaverham known as Moreton's Meade, was opened by the Chairman of the County Council on the 9th December, 1964. The accommodation consists of 24 one-person flats, a communal room, laundry and a Warden's flat.

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INPROVEMENT GRANTS
Housing Emprovement and Conversion - Housing Act, 1949. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Property which is the subject of application for either Discretionary or Standard Grants is inspected by a Public Health Inspector in company with a member of the Surveyor's staff. By this means it is possible to ensure that any works contemplated are such that these will qualify for grant aid.

The following applications have been dealt with during 1964:-

 No. of applications received: 		
		23
7, , , , ,		39
2. No. of applications approved:		
Discretionary Grants .		22
Standard Grants	• • •	39
3. No. of applications refused:		
Discretionary Grants .		1
Standard Grants		Nil
4. No. of applications where work has been completed:		
5		22
6		17
5. Expenditure involved:		
(a) Approved expenditure ranking for gr	rant	
Discretionary Grants		
		£3,740
(b) Total grants paid during the year:		
Discretionary Grants .		£7,154
		£1,576

RENT ACT, 1957

No action was taken under this Act during the year.

SECTION VII

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Regular inspections of all food premises have been made throughout the year.

The following table gives particulars of premises engaged in the handling, preparation or sale of food:-

	 26
	 22
t Shops)	 142
	 23
	 12
	 10
	 12
ctory	 45
	 62
	354

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows:-

Ice-cream Manufacturers		 1
Ice-cream Dealers		 95
Premises used for the manufacture of sausage or	meat	
pies		 26
		122

SAMPLING

As a result of an outbreak of typhoid in Aberdeen and in accordance with information supplied by the Ministry of Health, visits were paid to food shops within the district and all corned beef stocks checked. As a result of this only one tin of corned beef produced in the factories named was found.

At a later date the Ministry gave further factory numbers and also the possibility of tinned tongue from the same factory being on sale. This again involved visiting all food shops etc.

During the work the opportunity was taken to impress on all food handlers the absolute necessity for strict personal hygiene and this was reinforced by a circular letter from the Nedical Officer of Health.

A complaint was received from a resident at Weaverham about a metal object in a date and walnut cake. This, after reporting to Committee, is awaiting Hearing in the local Courts.

A complaint regarding a bottle of milk apparently contaminated by oil, was investigated and handed to the County Weights & Measures Inspectors

for action. Investigation revealed that the contamination in the milk was lubricating grease from the bottling plant and action was taken in the local Courts and the producers, having pleaded guilty, were fined £10.

The following cases of contaminated food were also reported during the year:-

Mouldy cake

Handed to Weights & Measures Department for action.

Alleged glass in
Submitted to Public Analyst who reported tin of salmon

same to be harmless crystals of struvite.

Glass in jam

On investigation it appeared that glass had been chipped by the purchaser when piercing metal cover to remove same.

During the year 45 samples of various meat products were taken and sent for bacteriological examination.

The standards adopted are arbitrary ones based on what one could reasonably expect foods to comply with when the methods of manufacture, handling and storage are satisfactory. Using these standards seven proved to be unsatisfactory and further investigations were made to ascertain the reasons for this; e.g. with regard to a sample of meat pie jelly, a detailed investigation and inspection was made of the factory methods of inserting the liquid jelly into meat pies. It was found on re-sampling that the recommended alterations in working conditions resulted in satisfactory samples.

Two samples of liquid egg were taken and submitted for the alpha amylase test for confirmation of adequate pasteurisation. These were both satisfactory.

MILK

Close liaison exists between this Department and the Public Health Inspectors of the Cheshire County Council, in the control of milk supplies within the area. There are 50 premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

242 samples of milk were taken by the County Health Department during the year. These were examined at the Chester Public Health Laboratory with regard to the keeping quality, efficiency of pasteurisation, and for the presence of Tuberculous or Brucella infection, where appropriate.

Of these 242 samples,8 failed with regard to keeping quality, but on investigation and re-sampling the results were satisfactory.

In addition, 118 samples were taken by our own Health Department. 114 of these samples were taken in respect of Brucella infections. 4 routine samples were taken and these were satisfactory with the exception of one. This failed the test with regard to keeping quality, but re-sampling proved the supply to be satisfactory.

Below is a table giving details of the samples taken in connection with the control of Brucella infection in raw milk supplies.

	Total number submitted by County Council	Number Brucella Positive	Total number submitted by Northwich R.D.	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk samples	.86	3	4	1
Dealer Samples	8	-	8	2
Individual Cow Samples	- 0	-	102	4
TOTAL :	94	3	114	7

BRUCELLOSIS

On three occasions evidence of Brucella infection was found in herds in the district from which milk was being sold in its raw state. Immediate action was taken to identify the infected cow(s) and an Undertaking obtained from the farmer that the milk would be sent for heat treatment. Following the receipt of a positive result of the isolation of Brucella organisms from a bulk sample from such a herd, routine sampling is increased subsequently to ensure so far as possible that any cows only intermittently excreting these organisms are identified. It is pleasing to note that we have had the full co-operation and help of the farmers when dealing with this problem. Unfortunately, until there is a successful Brucella eradication scheme there will always be a risk of contracting Brucellosis when drinking raw milk.

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947/52

The premises of the one manufacturer of ice-cream registered by this Authority are the subject of regular visits and a high standard of hygiene is maintained in both the factory and the vans operating in the area.

19 samples of ice-cream were taken and submitted to the Laboratory for examination, with the following results:-

Grade	1	-	13	samples
Grade	2	-	4	samples
Grade	3	-	1	sample
Grade	4	_	1	sample

The Grade 4 sample was in respect of a product namufactured outside this area and after enquiries made of the Public Health Department of the Authority concerned, it was found that this sample was an isolated case and the matter was handed to them for their attention.

MEAT INSPECTION

The five slaughterhouses in the Council's area were re-licensed on the lst January after inspection. One hundred per cent inspection was carried out by your Inspectors and continued to entail some eight hours overtime per week.

During the year two reviews were called for by the Ministry as to the maximum charges being made for meat inspection. On both occasions the Ministry was of the opinion that no alteration in the charges being made was justified.

The work of neat inspection entailed a total of 1,423 visits and 18,628 carcases were inspected; 9,435 lbs. of neat were condemed.

The disposal of neat is closely supervised and its removal is in the hands of Smith Bros. of Hyde and Warburtons of Altrinchan for processing as fertilizer or bone neal.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2,928	978	8	9,495	5,219
Number inspected	2,928	978	8	9,495	5,219
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI					
Whole carcases condemned	-	6	2	11	17
Carcases of which some part or organ was					
condenned	32	59	2	31	59
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber-					
culosis and cysticerci	1.09%	6.64%	25%	.44%	1.45%
TUBERCULOSIS CNLY					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	1919_16	_	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was				10 mm	Plant
condemned	-	-	-	25	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with					
tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.06%
CYSTICERCOSIS					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned		_	-		200
Carcases submitted to treatment by					
refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-			Market.	

Nature of diseases in respect of carcases which were wholly condemned:-

Cows:

Cedena Fevered Nephritis Enaciation

Calves:

Emaciation Pyaemia

Pigs:

Abscesses Peritonitis Oedena Pneumonia Enaciation Dropsy Tumour

Sheep:

Melanosis
Peritonitis
Enaciation
Tunour
Oedena
Injury
Dropsy

SLAUGHTERMEN

The Council issued 31 licences to competent slaughternen in order that they might use recognised humane killers.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

59 suspected cases of Anthrax were reported under this Act, none of which was confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Veterinary Officer.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

The total number of plants now being operated is 12, all of which are regularly inspected.

POULTRY PACKING

The premises of the Poultry Packing and Dressing Station have received regular visits of inspection and a satisfactory standard of hygiene has been maintained. The total throughput of birds for the year was 1,128,383.

CULTON PARK RACING CIRCUIT

22 race meetings were held during the year, seven of which were major events. They were as follows:-

April National Spring Meeting
April International Motor Cycle Meeting
June Richard Seamans Trophy Meeting
June Clubrans Trophy Meeting
August International Motor Cycle Meeting

September International Gold Cup October National Motor Cycle Meeting

As a result of numerous meetings and discussions with the Operators during the year, plans have now been submitted for the improvement of kitchen and dining room facilities at the Track. The completion of this work will

result in an improved standard of food hygiene. It is hoped that the new facilities will be in operation before the commencement of next season.

At the same time the Management submitted for approval a scheme to provide water carriage system for samitary accommodation in all parts of the track.

OTHER FOODS

The undernoted food has been condemned by your Inspectors during the year as a result of requests made by shopkeepers and Canteen Supervisors in the district.

3 - 61b tins Corned Beef

2 - 61b tins Tongue

4 - 51b tins Han

1 - 41b tin Luncheon Ment
3 - 61b tins Corned Mutton
2 - 71b tins Pork Shoulder

1 - 61b tin Peaches

3 - 61b tins Grapefruit

42 lbs New Zealand Lamb

30 lbs Minced Shoulder Steak

5 lbs Kidneys

In addition to the above, 173 lbs. of various frozen foods were condemned after an electrical failure in a deep freeze cabinet.

The County Council Weights and Measures Inspectors took samples of 143 varied articles of food in the Northwich Rural District during 1964. The following 4 samples were not up to standard:-

No.	Sample	Analysis	Renarks
1	Milk	16% deficient in fat.	Producer cautioned.
5	Milk	Containing foreign matter (mineral oil and copper compounds)	Fined £10. Costs £7.1s.
3.	Iced Lollie	Not conforming to requirements of labelling of Food Order.	Cautioned.
4.	Corned Beef	Contaminated with iron to extent of 1%,	Cautioned.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE - Hydiene Examinations

The Department, at the request of the St. John Ambulance, Brigade, carried out an examination in hygiene.

F. Seymour, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Medical Officer of Health.

J.S. Carrie, Chief Public Health Inspector.

WATER SUPPLIES

Number of dwellinghouses and population supplied from Public Vater Mains

Parishes	Direct to houses	Population	By means of stand- pipe	Population
Acton Allostock Anderton Barnton Bostock Byley Comberbach Crowton Cuddington Darnhall Davenham Delamere Hartford Lach Dennis Little Budworth Little Leigh Lostock Gralam Marbury Marston Marton Moulton Nether Peover Cakmere Rudheath Rushton Sproston Stanthorne Tarporley Utkinton Weaverham Whatcroft Wimboldsley Wincham	211 186 145 1497 41 47 233 137 1154 58 889 433 907 66 149 169 638 156 228 212 486 159 171 1153 121 67 53 538 190 2384 18 50 273	640 565 440 4544 126 143 707 420 3501 176 2698 1314 2753 200 452 513 1937 474 692 643 1475 483 519 3500 367 203 161 1633 577 7237 7237 55 154 829		12
	13219	40131	15	39

LIST OF COUNCIL'S VEHICLES

	Dennis Cesspool Emptier	NLG.158	Purchased	1950
	Dennis Refuse Freighter	NLG. 69	n	1950
	Dennis Paxit	OMB.401	11	1952
	Dennis Cesspool Emptier	UMB.211	**	1955
	Dennis Refuse Freighter	UMB.417	"	1955
	Calfdozer			1955
	Dennis Paxit	249.CTU	n	1958
	David Brown Tractor	236.ETU	"	1958
	Bedford Van	439.HTU		1959
	Bedford Van	440.HTU	"	1959
	Bedford Van	441.HTU		1959
	Bedford Lorry	442.IITU	"	1959
	Bedford Lorry	443.HTU	"	1959
	Dennis Paxit	885.JMB	н	1960
	Dennis Paxit	256.JTU	"	1960
	Land Rover	348.RMB	u	1961
	International Drott	226.RMB	n	1961
	Bedford Lorry	470.WTU	11	1962
	Bedford Van	469.WTU	n	1962
	Bedford Van	4990.TU	11	1963
-	Austin Van	BMA.476B	"	1964

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR 1964.

Tel. No. Northwich 4251/2.

Hartford Hill, David Street, Northwich, Ches. February, 1965.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have pleasure in submitting my Report for 1964.

The opening of the Training Centre for mentally sub-normal children and adults was the major extension of County Council services in this area, the Divisional Health Committee having the responsibility for the day to day management of the Centres.

The services for the physically handicapped have continued to expand and it has been very encouraging to note the considerable interest shown in this aspect of community service. I could not write of this without expressing my appreciation to Mrs. Bellamy for her personal interest in the Highfield Club, and to the W.V.S. and others for their unstinting help during the year. I hope that 1965 will see the formation of a local Association for the Physically Handicapped which can further encourage and channel this community interest.

Two part-time Clinic Clerks have been appointed to relieve the Health Visitors of some of their clerical work, so enabling the latter to devote more of their valuable time to their professional duties.

It is extremely pleasing to report the formation of co-ordination Committees by the Area Children's Officer. These will undoubtedly lead to an improvement in the services for the rehabilitation of problem families.

The Divisional Health Committee's recommendation to the County Council that authority be given to hold a Cervical Smear Clinic for two sessions per week was accepted. At the time of writing approval by the Ministry of Health to the County Council's proposals is still awaited.

The shortage of geriatric beds in the area has continued and inevitably a heavy burden falls on the nursing and home help services. As always, they have coped magnificently.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to thank you for your support and interest during the year, Mr. Durrad, Mrs. Moore and the Officers of other Departments and Organisations for their co-operation and assistance, and Mr. Whiting and Members of the Divisional Staff who have, as always, given me their full support.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Divisional Medical Officer.

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MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

List of Members - 1964/1965.

Chairman: Mrs. 0.0. Bellamy Vice-Chairman: Mrs. A. Young

Representing the County Council

County Clr. H.S. Mather, 105, Middlewich Road, Northwich.

County Clr. W.D. Yarwood, J.P., "Kirkacre", 145, Chester Road, Northwich.

County Clr. J.N. Wilson, Wharton Hall, Winsford.

County Clr. N.N. Aitchison, J.P., "The Gables", Lostock Gralam, Northwich.

County Clr. D.J. Fryer, 515, London Road, Davenham, Northwich.

County Clr. W. Jacques, "Worthern", 36, Forest Street, Weaverham, Northwich.

County Clr. W. Faulkner, "Godrevy", Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

Alderman G. Astbury, J.P., 4, Thamesdale, Whitby, Ellesmere Port, Wirral.

Alderman F. McBirnie, Westcliff House, Croft Drive West, Caldy, Wirral.

Representing the Northwich Urban District Council

Clr. Mrs. E. Bowden, 88, Noss Road, Northwich.

Clr. S. Hamlett, 2, Milner Road, Greenbank, Northwich.

Clr. S. Worrall, 26, London Road, Northwich.

Clr. G. Royle, 21, Marshall Lane, Greenbank, Northwich. Vacancy.

Representing the Northwich Rural District Council

Clr. G.L. Buckley, 632, London Road, Mereheath, Davenham, Northwich.

Clr. Mrs. J.M. Pollard, 34, West Road, Weaverham, Northwich.

Clr. Mrs. M.M. Oppenheimer, "Millstream", Hulme Lane, Lower Peover, Knutsford.

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Clr. Mrs. A. Young, "The Poplars", Cockpit Lane, Sandiway, Northwich.
Clr. Miss G.I. Ward, "Glenariff", Northwich Road, Weaverham, Northwich.
Clr. E.O. Stokes, "South Close", Tarporley, Cheshire.

Representing the Middlewich Urban District Council

Clr. J.D. Blease, "The Woodlands", 49, Nantwich Road, Middlewich. Clr. H. Dale, 72, Wheelock Street, Middlewich.

Representing the Winsford Urban District Council

Clr. L. Jackson, "Alicia", Crook Lane, Winsford.

Clr. P.G. Tipple, 8, Wharton Green, Winsford.

Clr. L. Knight, J.P., 3, Seaton Street, Winsford. Clr. Mrs. J. Wrench, 79, Chester Road, Winsford.

Co-opted Members

Dr. C.D. Hough, "Thornbury", 46, Winnington Street, Northwich. (Local Medical Cttee.)
Mr. R.R. Dalby, Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Winnington. (Medical & Dental)
Mr. D. Drummond, Forest Gate, Whitegate Road, Over, Winsford. (Hospital Management Cttee.)
Miss M.G. Haward, 33, Grange Road, Cuddington, Near Northwich. (Nursing Aid Charities)

Mrs. O.O. Bellamy, "Newlands", Swanlow Lane, Winsford.

Mr. P. Clarke, "South Lea", Forest Street, Weaverham, Northwich (Education)

Mrs. M.E. Browning, "Adversane", 198, Swanlow Lane, Winsford.

Mrs. M.S. Fulton, Davenham House, Davenham, Near Northwich. (Red Cross Society)

Clerk to the Divisional Committee - Mr. R.D. Durrad, LL.B.

NURSES AND MIDWIVES.

HOME NURSES/MIDWIVES.

Area	Name and Address	Tel. No.	
Barnton	Mrs. S.M. Dorling, 30, Hayes Drive, Barnton	Northwich 4080	
Castle	*Mrs. P.E. Mounsey, 228, Chester Road, Hartford	Northwich 5083	
Davenham	Miss M. Buckley, 437, London Road, Davenham	Northwich 3027	
Delamere	Miss D.E. Joseph, "Wayside", Cotebrook	Little Budworth	301
Great Budwort	h Mrs. D. Sherratt, "Rose Bank, Comberbach	Comberbach 279	732
Hartford	*Mrs. E. Evans, 15, Woodside Terrace, Leftwich	Northwich 3310	
Little Leigh	Miss E.M. Fishwick, 14, Brakeley Lane, Little Leigh	Comberbach 275	
Lostock Grala	m*Mrs. F. Fuller, 1, Griffiths Rd., Lostock Gralam	Northwich 3046	
Marston	Mrs. W.G. Hudson, 20, Mere Road, Marston	Comberbach 425	
201000	(Miss B. Breeze, 11, Coronation Road, Middlewich	Middlewich 2549	
Middlewich	(Mrs. M. Taylor, 32, Sutton Lane, Middlewich	Middlewich 2350	
Moulton	Miss V.R. Watts, 11, Regent Street, Moulton	Winsford 2346	
Sandiway	Miss S. Rhodes, The Gottage, Glebe Rd., Cuddington	Sandiway 2252	
Tarporley	Mrs. M. Stewart, 10, Eaton Road, Tarporley	Tarporley 553	
Weaverham	(*Miss J. Clinton, "Cartref", West Rd., Weaverham	Weaverham 2278	
400 ANTINIU	(Mrs. E.L.L. Hampson, "Sunfield", Forest Rd., Cuddington	Sandiway 2163	
Winsford	(Miss I.A. Bremner, 204, Ways Green, Winsford	Winsford 2548	
WINSTOIN	(Miss P.M. Jones, 8, Wellfield, Wharton Rd., Winsford	Winsford 2766	
Witton	*Mrs. I. Owen, "Dinastre", Lime Avenue, Leftwich	Northwich 3093	
Relief Nurses	*Mrs. E.T. Dorman, Arderne House, Hodge Lane, Hartford Mrs. B. Dutton, Walker's Green Farm, Sproston	Northwich 4513 Middlewich 2174	
Male Nurse	*Mr. W. Hudson, 20, Mere Road, Marston	Comberbach 425	
	* Indicates Home Nurse only		
MIDWIVES.			
Hartford & Castle	Mrs. P. Edwards, 28, Stones Manor Lane, Hartford, Northwich	Northwich 4737	
Leftwich (Rudheath (Witton (Winnington (Mrs. W. Place, 22, Fairfield Road, Leftwich, Northwich Miss D. Price,	Northwich 3050	
Northwich (38, Water Street, Northwich	Northwich 2314	
Weaverham	Miss J. Wolahan,		
	49, Wallerscote Road, Weaverham, Northwich	Weaverham 2116	

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Chief Clerk -

Domestic Help Supervisor -

Part-time Clinic Clerks -

Clerical Assistants -

Part-time Nurse -

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Mr. C. Whiting.

Mrs. F.O. Moore.

Mr. C.H. Dodd.

Miss I. Gleave.

Mrs. J. Houseman (part-time).

Miss T. Smith.

Miss W.M. Stubbs.

Miss M. Wood.

Mrs. B. Collins.

Mrs. M. Carrie.

Mrs. K.M. Clark.

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Mrs. J.A. Smith.

Mr. H. Boocock.

Miss A. Davenport.

Mr. J. Holman.

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Miss S.M. Birtwisle.

Miss D. Lomax.

Mrs. S. Moules.

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CHILD WELFARE CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Ministry and Proprietary Foods are sold at each of the Child Welfare Clinic Sessions listed below. In addition, Ministry Foods only are available at the following Centres at the times stated:-

Divisional Medical Office - Monday to Friday
9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Middlewich Child Welfare Centre - Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Winsford Child Welfare Centre - Tuesday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

BARNTON C.W.C., Brunner School, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney Dentist - Mr. D. Dodd

Tel. Northwich 5639 Tel. Northwich 5527

Dental Clinic, Monday a.m. & p.m. Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays p.m. Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Wednesday a.m. Eye Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.

MIDDLEWICH C.W.C., 85, Wheelock Street, Middlewich.

Tel. Middlewich 2165

Health Visitor - hiss M. Barlow

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - Thursday p.m. (except first)
Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. and alternate Wednesdays a.m. & p.m.

NORTHWICH -

PARLAND HOUSE C.W.C., Winnington Hill, Northwich.

Tel. Northwich 4643

Health Visitor - Mrs. E.E. Conlin

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.

Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Monday a.m. & p.m. Friday a.m.

Dental Clinic - Tuesday to Friday a.m. & p.m.

Mothers' Club - 3rd Tuesday evening.

PARKFIELD C.W.C., Middlewich Road, Rudheath, Northwich.

Tel. Northwich 2186

Health Visitors - Miss P. Toomey and Mrs. I. Harris

Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 1st & 3rd Wednesday a.m.
Midwives' Clinic (by arrangement) - Monday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Monday p.m.
Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m., 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday p.m.
E.N.T. Clinic - monthly by arrangement.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. & p.m.
Audiology Clinic - 2nd Tuesday a.m. (Miss Gassick)

WEAVERHAM C.W.C., Church Lane, Weaverham.

Tel. Weaverham 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. B. Vintner

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic - Friday p.m. (once a month)
Midwives' Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.
Cerebral Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m., Friday a.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m. & p.m.
Dental Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m.

WINSFORD C.W.C., Weaver Street, Winsford Tel. Winsford 2387

Health Visitors - Miss J.M. Gassick and Mrs. M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.

Midwives' Clinic - Wednesday p.m.

Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) Wednesday p.m.

Eye Clinic - 3rd & 4th Thursdays p.m.

E.N.T. Clinic - 2nd Thursday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Friday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.

Mother & Baby Club (W.V.S.) - 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.

COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Wednesday a.m.

DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham. <u>Health Visitor</u> - Miss A. Gratrix Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Mondays p.m.

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beech Road, Hartford.

Health Visitor - vacancy

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays p.m.

LEFTWICH CLINIC, The Farm, Old Hall Estate, Leftwich. Health Visitor - Wiss A. Gratrix Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays p.m.

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Social Club, Lostock.

Health Visitor - Mrs. I. Harris

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays p.m.

MOULTON CLINIC, Church Hall, Moulton.

Health Visitor - Nrs. M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

OVER CLINIC, The Old Vicarage, Delamere Street, Winsford. Health Visitor - Nrs. M. Brown Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Mondays p.m.

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway.

Health Visitor - vacancy

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays p.m.

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourlay

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Thursdays p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Friday a.m. (odd months).

Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m.

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Distribution has continued satisfactorily throughout the year, the only changes being additional Sessions to serve:-

1) The new Clinic at Over, and

2) Moulton Clinic, where with the agreement of the Voluntary Committee, the Divisional Health Committee undertook the distribution of the full range of foods available at the other Child Welfare Clinics in the Division.

From the table of sales (given below) it is evident that the use of vitamin supplements is stabilising, but there is an increase in the use of Proprietary Foods at the expense of National Dried Milk.

Year	Value of Sales Proprietary Foods Sold only at Clinics	National Dried Milk (tins)	Orange Juice (bottles)	Cod Liver Oil (bottles)	A & D Tablets (packets)
1964	£5,007	20,969	12,733	1,016	1,712
1963	£4,070	22,636	12,397	1,041	1,737
1962	£3,999	26,203	12,099	1,286	1,960
1961	£4,143	29,306	19,232	2,703	2,937
1960	£3,428	33,133	33,626	4,203	3,634
1959	£3,140	35,780	36,814	4,390	3,657
1958	£3,259	40,061	38,403	4,649	3,511
1957	£2,905	44,903	64,934	17,414	4,026
1956	£2,268	51,924	60,565	9,258	4,479
1955	£2,109	54,771	57,908	10,673	3,488
1954	£2,140	30,563	24,158	5,672	1,404

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES

To serve the increase in population of the Grange Estate, Winsford, twice monthly Child Welfare Sessions were commenced at The Old Vicarage, Delamere Street, on 13th July, 1964.

At Moulton an additional Child Welfare Session per month was commenced on 5th August, 1964. However, due to the low attendances the need for this was being reviewed at the end of the year.

	NEW (CASES			TOTAL A	TTENDAN	CES	
CLINIC	0 - :	0 - 1 Year		l Year	1 - 2 Years		2 - 5 Years	
	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963
Barnton	75	65	928	655	142	139	155	175
Comberbach	34	42	469	464	150	88	175	139
Davenham	49	36	349	458	260	166	275	182
Hartford	27	23	350	268	122	132	86	72
Leftwich	62	66	604	587	118	103	63	44
Lostock	76	69	448	387	91	89	125	113
Middlewich	136	122	1,455	1,285	216	224	226	301
Moulton	14	21	173	162	88	50	69	58
Darland House	82	101	1,509	1,574	356	376	131	159
Parkfield	220	203	2,916	2,568	470	329	228	339
Sandiway	53	57	539	497	175	143	115	125
Tarporley	34	35	409	376	135	143	163	141
Weaverham	129	134	2,006	1,723	326	220	132	68
Winsford, Weaver	St. 195	186	1,532	1,623	171	128	19	22
Winsford, Over	57	-	223	-	54	-	28	-
	1,243	1,160	13,910	12,627	2,874	2,330	1,990	1,938

HEALTH EDUCATION.

The basic health education work in the Division has continued to be carried out by the Health Visitors and Nurses in their everyday contacts with the public.

During the year we were supplied with a 16 mm cine sound projector, and this piece of equipment is proving of considerable value in increasing and enhancing the health education activities now undertaken by the Department. I anticipate that the Health Visitors will be making greater use of this educational medium in their various activities during 1965. One distinct advantage of using the projector during Child Welfare Clinics will be that really first class health education can be given to a group of mothers whilst the Health Visitor continues with her Clinic work, merely being on hand after the showing to discuss points raised by the group. Several excellent films are available suitable for showing to audiences of young couples expecting their first child, and my Chief Clerk, who has undertaken in the main the duties of projectionist, has been co-operating with the Health Visitors in showing these films to meetings of such groups in the evening.

A reflection of the interest of the community in the physically handicapped has been the increasing number of requests which I have received from voluntary and statutory organisations to talk to their members on the services available for this section of the community. An exhibition of services for the physically handicapped was staged on the occasion of the Official Opening of the Highfield Social Club, and reference is made to this in the Section "Services for the Physically Handicapped".

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Encephalitis.

The two cases of Encephalitis occurred in adults following infection with the mumps virus.

Measles.

It is interesting to conjecture that in a few years Neasles may well be as rare as Poliomyelitis and Diphtheria are at the present moment if it proves possible to produce an acceptable Measles vaccine, and from latest reports it would appear that we are on the brink of this.

The following are the Infectious Diseases notified for the years 1964 and 1963.

	1964				1963					
	NRD	WUD	MUD	NUD	Div.	NRD	WUD	MUD	NUD	Div.
Dysentery	2	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1
Measles	451	165	21	185	822	486	43	37	157	723
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-
Pneumonia, Influenzal & acute lobar	3	4	1	-	8	3	2	_	5	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	13	6	-	18	37	22	2	_	10	34
Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	3
Whooping Cough	16	-	-	26	42	18	_	2	4	24
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	50	_		-	50
Encephalitis	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

The incidence of new cases, deaths and recoveries etc. from Tuberculosis are set out below:-

Year 1964	Northwich U.D.		Winsford U.D.		Middlewich U.D.		Northwich R.D.	
	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.
New Cases notified (including Transfers)	-	_	9	_	-	_	2	_
Deaths	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	_
Recovered	6	-	7	-	4	-	11	4
Other Removals from Register (left District etc.)	-	-	1	-	-			_
No. on Register at the end of 1963	32	8	37	9	17	6	84	32
No. on Register at the end of 1964	25	8	38	9	13	6	73	28

R. - Respiratory.

N.R. - Non-Respiratory.

The new cases of Tuberculosis notified in Winsford were all transfers into the district.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

As will be seen from the following figures, there has been a further increase in the number of immunisations performed. This is not as large as I had hoped due to an unfortunate succession of illnesses amongst the Divisional and School Medical Staff.

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS IMMUNISATION.

	1964		1963	
	Primary	Booster	Primary	Booster
Diphtheria	-	83	-	60
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	10	_	7
Diphtheria/Tetanus	24	117	5	90
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/ Tetanus	979	215	875	204
Tetanus	278	7	_	_
Quadrilin	5	_	-	-

Percentage of Children fully protected against Diphtheria (figures obtained from Div. Records)

Age	1964	1963
0 - 1 Years	29	23
1 - 2 "	65	58
2 - 3 "	63	63
3 - 4 "	65	69
4 - 5 "	71	69
5 - 6 "	13	14
6 - 7 "	20	15
7 - 8 "	37	21
	21	67

As outlined in last year's Report, our immunisation sessions were planned to follow the School Medical Officers' routine medical examinations in infant and junior schools, but I propose during 1965 to visit schools independently of the School Medical Officers and to offer immunisation to the parents of all children requiring Diphtheria, Tetanus or Poliomyelitis immunisation.

The giving of Anti-Tetanus serum following an injury is always a matter of concern due to the relatively high incidence of reactions following its administration. As is well known, there is always the real risk (in the unprotected)

of developing Tetanus after even the most minor injury.

Following discussion with General Practitioners and one of the local Consultants, Tetanus immunisation was offered for children attending Weaverham County Secondary School, aged twelve/thirteen years, and it is interesting to note that 92,0 of the parents consented to this procedure. I would like to express my appreciation to the Headmaster and his Staff for their enthusiastic co-operation. In view of this response, Tetanus immunisation has been offered to all the children attending this school, and I propose as Staff time permits, to extend this Scheme to all other secondary schools within the Division.

The parents of each child who has completed a course of Tetanus immunisation is sent a card recording the dates of immunisation together with a letter emphasising the importance of keeping the record card safely and advising when it will be needed.

POLICMYELITIS VACCIMATION.

Salk Vaccine

lst & 2nd inj's.

3rd inj.

4th inj.

62

68

36

Sabin Oral Vaccine

Primary Course

Booster Doses

921

549

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

As will be seen from the following table, there has been an increase in the number of children under the age of five years vaccinated against Smallpox.

These figures are not directly comparable with recent years, due to the unusually large number of children vaccinated during 1962 following the Smallpox outbreak, and also to the increasing acceptance by Doctors and patients of the view that the optimum time for infant vaccination is during the second year of life.

	1964	1963
Under 1 Year 1 - 5 Years School Children Adults	39 278 45 199	113 103 84 248
	561	548

B.C.G. VACCINATION.

B.C.G. Vaccination is available to all children attending County Schools at the age of 12/13 years, and once again it is pleasing to report that the acceptance rate has increased. Vaccination is offered to absentees on subsequent visits to the school. The percentage of children found to be tuberculin positive i.e. those children who have been infected with tuberculosis at some stage of their life, once again has decreased. Those children found to be tuberculin positive are referred to the Chest Clinic for examination to exclude the possibility of their having active Tuberculosis.

Due to the illnesses of the School Medical Staff already referred to, it was not possible to carry out the full B.C.G. programme, but it is anticipated that this will be brought fully up to date during 1965.

B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis is carried out at the local Chest Clinic on actual contacts of cases of Tuberculosis, and some maternity hospitals in Manchester vaccinate new-born babies.

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents consenting	Percentage abs. for Tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

HIGHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB & HANDICRAFT GROUP.

This highly successful Club has continued to meet every two weeks, and by the end of the year membership was forty.

As an experiment and with the co-operation of Mr. L. Burton, the County Organiser for Welfare Services for the Handicapped, a Scheme for Outwork was commenced. It soon became obvious, however, that this Scheme could not satisfactorily be operated without a proper organisation to deal with the transport and collection of both the raw materials and finished articles. As it was not possible to institute such an organisation it was decided to discontinue the Scheme.

In June arrangements were made by the Divisional Staff for a visit to be made by Club Members to Chester Zoo. Thirty-two members and thirty-five volunteer helpers participated. As the Club members either took or were provided with a wheelchair at the Zoo, the lot of the volunteer helpers was indeed a very tiring one, and I would like to express my thanks to all the people who so ably assisted us on this very successful and much appreciated day out.

In September the members attended a performance of "Showboat" given by the Knutsford Amateur Operatic Society. The kindness of the Manager of the Society in making available a block booking for our members at reduced prices was indeed very

much appreciated.

Without doubt these two visits have proved to be memorable occasions for the members, many of whom we were astonished to find, had never been to a live Show in an evening.

The members of the W.V.S. organised a Christmas Party on the last Social Meeting of the Club before Christmas, and this also was a great success.

During the year it was evident that members were interested in handicrafts and the Divisional Health Committee gave permission for the Clinic Centre at Barnton to be used for the formation of a Handicraft Group. The sessions are arranged for alternate Thursdays to the Social Club, the first being held on 19th March, 1964.

We were extremely fortunate in obtaining from the Education Department the services of Mrs. J. Curbishley (a Handicraft Teacher), and membership of the Handicraft Group was made open to all members of the Highfield Social Club. list of handicrafts is varied and members of the Group can, if the products of their labours are sold, retain the profit. One of the most satisfying features of the Highfield Club is the many personal friendships which have arisen between not only the Club members themselves, but between members of the Club, W.V.S. and the Divisional Health Staff.

Since their inception my Chief Clerk has attended both the Social Club and Handicraft Group. This has proved of considerable assistance to the W.V.S. when lifting severely handicapped members and it saves embarrassment to the male members when they need assistance with the toilet. This arrangement also proved to be a valuable link between the Club, myself, and the W.V.S. Mr. Whiting also undertakes

instruction in metal work at the Handicraft Group.

The provision of transport for members has presented the greatest problem in running the Social Club. It was, however, eased to some extent by the advent of the special vehicle which was brought into operation by the County Council in June, 1964. This vehicle has a hydraulic tail lift which enables members to be lifted in their wheelchairs straight into the vehicle. The W.V.S. members driving their own cars and conveying the more ambulant members, have carried out a marvellous job of work, but their resources are taxed each time we have a new member joining the Club. By the end of the year they were very near to reaching their ultimate in the amount of transport they could provide. In so far as the visit to the Zoo was concerned we were fortunate in being able to use the special 'bus adapted for the physically handicapped, owned by the Stockport Corporation Welfare Department.

On 29th October, over 250 people attended the Official Opening of the Social Lady Verdin kindly accepted the invitation to perform the Opening Ceremony, and in her opening address stressed the need for the formation of a Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped. Without doubt, the formation of such an Association would be of great benefit, not only to the Highfield Club, but to the physically handicapped in general throughout Mid-Cheshire. One would envisage that one of the first problems for such an Association to tackle would be that of transport.

The opportunity afforded by the Official Opening, was taken to stage an Exhibition showing the County Council Services for the physically handicapped. The Ministry of Labour also contributed an Exhibition showing their facilities. The members of the Handicraft Group displayed articles made by them, and examples of the work carried out by the trainees at the Adult Training Centre, Northwich, were also shown.

Members from other County Clubs for the physically handicapped accepted the Divisional Health Committee's invitation to the Opening, and this concept of inter-Club visiting is, I consider, very important, as it can, if reciprocated, extend the scope of future activities for the members.

At their November Meeting, the Divisional Health Committee recognising the increase in work involved in the provision of services for the physically handicapped which has taken place and the vast scope for active extension of this service amongst the elderly, recommended to the County Health Committee that an Occupational Therapist be appointed for four half-day sessions per week.

CAR BADGES FOR THE DISABLED DRIVERS.

Owners of Ministry of Pensions invalid motorised vehicles are eligible, on application, to receive two stick on car badges. This Scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist owners of such vehicles to receive extra consideration when parking.

SPECIAL HOUSING.

It is pleasing to note that the Northwich Urban District Council, during the year, built two specially designed bungalows for families of two physically handicapped persons.

Where it is not possible to adapt the existing house of a handicapped person satisfactorily, the question of re-housing is taken up with the relevant District Council, these cases always receiving sympathetic consideration.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY.

The under-mentioned adaptions to property have been carried out during 1964 - many of the handicapped persons for whom these alterations were made are old age pensioners of members of the Handicapped Persons' Club.

Adaptations etc.	Approx. cost
Fixing of three lengths of handrail in living room	£3.10.0d.
Fixing of chain over bed, handle at side of chimney breast, and support to wash basin	£9.0.0d.
Fixing of handrails to staircase, hook over bath, drop-down wooden seat at end of bath	£6.10.0d.
Fitting of hinged bath seat and hook	£5.10.0d.
Lowering of kerb and construction of pavement crossing etc. and provision of concrete base	£32.0.0d.
Provision of pavement crossing, relaying of kerbs and flags and alterations to fence	£27.0.0d.
Construction of ramp inside and outside the front doorstep and lowering of back kitchen shelf	£1.10.0d.
Provision and fitting of low bath	£17.0.0d.
Provision of ball catches and door handles in downstairs rooms	£1.10.0d.

Adaptations etc. (continued)	Approx. cost
Fixing of bath seat, and hook over bath	£5.10.0d.
Provision and fixing of handrail to toilets	£3.10.0d.
Lowering of path	£2.0.0d.
Provision and fitting of low bath	£17.0.0d.
Provision of ramps to front gate, front entrance	
and rear entrance, also handrail at front gate	£21.0.0d.
Fixing outside W.C. pedestal and adjusting fittings	£6.10.0d.
Provision and fixing of handrails	£2.5.0d.

In view of the financial circumstances of the persons assisted, all these alterations have been made at full cost to the County Council. Undoubtedly this service contributes greatly to the independence of the persons assisted, as has been evident from the letters of appreciation received.

I would here like to express my appreciation for the enthusiastic help and advice I have received from the District Councils' Surveyors, the County District Architect and their Staff.

CARE AND AFTER CARE.

Several items of new equipment and aids are now available from the Divisional Medical Office, and it is pleasing to note that there appears to be a growing public awareness of the facilities available.

Equipment issued	1964	1963
Air rings	18	12
Back rests	36	21
Bath aids	7	6
Bath mat	i	-
Bath seats	4	1
Bath steps	2	î
Bed cages	9	12
Bed pans	18	22
Bed poles	12	7
Bed table	1	i
Bottles	19	12
Car seat headrest		1
Chain and handle	1	
Chair, special (Amesbury		-
Combs (long handled)	2	1
Commodes	23	21
Crutches	7	9
Ejector seat	2	_
Electric shaver	-	1
Exercycle	1	1 1 1
Feeding cup	4	1
Fireguard	1	1
Fork (long handled)	1	_
Helping hands	4	10
Hoists		1
Knife (long handled)	2	-
Nelson knife	2	1
Night alarms	15	21
Pants & interliners	- 4	-
Plateguard	1	- - - 2 1 1
Shoe horn (long handled)	1	-
Spring pole	1	_
Stocking puller-on	1	-
Toilet aids	1 1 3 -	2
Typewriter	-	1
Tricycle	-	1
Walking aids	14	
Walking sticks	11	4
Wheelchairs	29	18
Underpads	7,220	6,600

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT.

Seven patients were sent for convalescent treatment during 1964.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

The number of hours service given in the Domestic Help Service has not increased over last year's figure, although there has been an increase in the number of cases assisted. A factor which has contributed to this position is that the condition of certain cases which were receiving a large number of hours of service became such that they could no longer be cared for at home with aid from the domiciliary services, and were eventually admitted to geriatric hospital accommodation.

A strong force of domestic helps has been maintained during the year, although occasional difficulties have arisen in engaging home helps in some areas. We have found that more domestic helps have been recruited by advertisements in local shops rather than by using the more expensive method of local press advertising.

Our domestic helps have carried out their routine duties conscientiously during the year and the majority take an active interest in their patients far beyond what is expected of them.

Classification of cases and hours worked:-

	1963			1964				
	Cases		Hours worked	Cases	Hours worked			
Aged and infirm	154	(92%)	31,744	176 (85%)	30,591			
Others	7	(4%)	314	14 (6.7%)	1,141			
Confinements	7	(4%)	282	17 (8.3%)	540			
	168		32,340	207	32,272			
			1963	1964				
Future Recovery								
wi	th Count	y Treasur	er 23	42				
Contributions f	rom case	s	£1681.10.0	04. £1604.0.0	d.			

CHIROPODY SERVICE.

There was an increase in the number of persons applying and qualifying for this Service. However, this increase only brings the Mid-Cheshire figures in line with the County average for 1963.

	OVER 65			PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED				
	No. of Patients		No. of Treatments		No. of Patients		No. of Treatments	
	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963
Chiropodiat's Surgery	401	308	2018	1939	13	5	59	30
Home of Patient	248	136	1131	647	8	_	45	_

No. of cases in which County Council paid full fees 1964 - 592 1963 - 411 No. of cases in which County Council paid part fees 1964 - 78 1963 - 38

The conditions of the Scheme are as follows:-

- (a) The service is available to persons over the age of 65 years, physically handicapped persons and expectant mothers recommended for treatment by their family doctor or the district nurse.
- (b) All chiropodists holding a qualification laid down in the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954, are entitled to take part, giving treatment in their own premises or in the patient's own home.
- (c) Persons entitled to the service may attend any registrable chiropodist of their own choice who is willing to take part in the scheme.
- (d) A patient unable to travel to the chiropodist's surgery may have the treatment carried out at home and for this the chiropodist receives an extra fee.
- (e) The Authority pays the whole of the fees in respect of persons in receipt of National Assistance benefit or whose sole income is the statutory retirement pension.

Arrangements were made for the Official Opening of the Adult and Junior Training Centres on 10th July, 1964, and the County Council were fortunate in that Sir John Foster, K.B.E., Q.C., Nember of Parliament for Northwich, was able to perform the Opening Ceremony.

Adult Training Centre.

The first trainees attended the Centre on 1st April, 1964, when fifteen boys were admitted, the Staff then consisting of Mr. Hoult (the Superintendent) and an Instructor. On 1st September, 1964, twenty-one female trainees were admitted under the care of Mrs. Smith (the Deputy Superintendent). By the end of the year there were nineteen males and twenty-seven females on the Register. The simple statement that "The first trainees attended the Centre on 1st April" gives no indication of the considerable amount of work which was necessary beforehand, a great deal of which fell on the shoulders of the Divisional Office Staff.

During the initial months after their opening, both the male and female departments concentrated on activities of a predominantly social and recreational nature, as most of the trainees were quite unused to being members of a fairly large social group. As a result of this preliminary period the trainees have formed a very well integrated social group. Since achieving this goal there has been a gradual change of emphasis until now approximately one third of the trainees' time is spent on social training and recreation, and two thirds on workshop practice. Social Training is considered in its widest context, instruction being given in personal hygiene, housecraft, shopping, using the telephone and recognition of socially useful words. In addition, the girls are taught the proper use of cosmetics, how to wash and set their hair, and efforts are made to develop their dress sense. The regular periods of physical education, music and movement, and games help greatly to improve posture and coordination. Advantage is also taken of the, in some cases, remarkable sense of rhythm of the sub-normal, and regular sessions of relaxation whilst listening to music are held, together with the use of background music during sessions in the workshops. Each lunchtime the trainees dine together and afterwards have supervised games, or "shake" to the large collection of pop records available in the Hall. I could not mention lunch without paying tribute to the consistent excellence of the meals produced by the kitchen staff under the supervision of Mrs. Brown our cook. Each Friday afternoon both departments join together and have a recreational session when the trainees play table tennis, badminton, draughts etc.

In considering the use of contract work considerable thought is given to its training potential as it can make a considerable contribution to the trainees' manipulative skill, co-ordination, number sense, and powers of concentration etc. Unfortunately the Mid-Cheshire area is dependent predominantly on one basic industry and the difficulties of finding suitable work are considerable. The contracts undertaken at present in the Centre consist of making wire loops, putting screws into electrical components, renovating cardboard boxes, making mops, and supplying firewood to the Clinics in the Division, and the female department has just obtained a contract packing and sealing dishcloths in polythene bags. I think the Superintendent is to be congratulated on his efforts in obtaining these contracts.

In addition to the above, the boys are receiving instruction in simple woodwork, upholstery and polishing, with a view to producing on a commercial scale when the recently installed woodwork machinery is fully operational such items as stools, tables, deck-chairs, clothes maidens, tea-trollies etc. With the aid of the Instructors extremely satisfactory prototypes have been produced by breaking work down into its basic units. In this way articles of a high standard can be produced it obviously being both desirable and necessary that they should compete in both quality and cost with articles produced commercially.

The girls' main activities in the workroom have centred on soft toy making, embroidery and knitting, and articles of high standard have been produced. Their department has two sewing machines, one a simple hand-operated type, on which the girls receive their initial training, one of their tasks being the making of gingham work aprons for their own use. Two girls have progressed sufficiently to use the 'Slant-O-Matic' machine.

A cheque for £250 was presented by the Northwich Branch of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. Part of this donation has been spent on the installation of an amplifier system throughout the Centre.

Junior Training Centre.

The Junior Training Centre was opened on 13th April, 1964, with forty-eight children and three Staff (consisting of a Supervisor and two Assistants), three weeks later a third Assistant Supervisor joined the Staff.

The infant and junior groups are run on nursery and early infant lines with the emphasis on learning through play and free activity. In the senior group (12 to 16 year olds) the emphasis is on fostering social competence in order to help the children be as independent as possible. Instruction in simple number concepts, money values, time-telling and writing is given, together with practice in recognition of a "social sight vocabulary" of words useful both inside and outside the Centre.

Practical craft instruction is given in simple housecraft, sewing, knitting, embroidery, gardening and the use of simple constructional apparatus. Physical education plays an important part throughout the Centre. This includes music and movement, dancing, games, simple gymnastics and the use of apparatus such as the climbing frame; these activities contribute greatly to the posture, co-ordination and inherent sense of rhythm. Plenty of opportunity is given for imaginative work such as art, also drama, mime and music. The children gave a very successful performance at Christmas of "Hansel and Gretel" in mime to music, and a Nativity Play, to a large audience of parents and friends.

During the summer two students from the National Association for Mental Health Diploma Course worked at the Centre during their teaching practice. Miss Gordon, the Advisory Mental Welfare Officer, Ministry of Health, also visited during the summer term.

A cheque for £250 was presented by the Northwich Branch of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, it being suggested by the Society that the money should be used to purchase a new piano and other items of extra equipment which included a climbing frame, multi-purpose unit, balance bar, paddling pool, sand-tray for outside use, a wigwam and sufficient wood for four plant troughs (which were made by one of the parents). These facilities have been of considerable benefit to the children, and the generosity and interest of the Society is greatly appreciated. The remainder of this gift was put towards the Summer Outing to Southport on 17th July, 1964. It was a very happy day made possible to a great extent from the funds raised at a Coffee Evening organised by a group of parents. A gift of £5.5.0d. was also received from the Inner Wheel, Northwich.

The children had a Christmas Party on 22nd December, 1964, and the proceeds of a further Coffee Evening together with a grant from the County Treasurer paid for the party and refreshments for parents and friends, and also ensured that there was a gift for each child. The Centre was visited by Father Christmas who distributed the gifts. The final Christmas entertainment was a show of children's films.

In 1963 a projector was presented to the Local Society for Mentally Handicapped Children by the Castle Branch of the Friends of the Spastics for use by the Social Club. The Society was of the opinion that this equipment should be used to its utmost, and loaned it to the Junior and Adult Training Centres for their use. In the autumn of 1964 a cine camera was presented to the Society, again by the Castle Branch of the Friends of the Spastics, and this camera also has been made available for use in both Training Centres when required.

A Social Club has been held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at the Junior Centre. This is a joint effort and is run by the Supervisor of the Centre together with Members of the National Association for Mentally Handicapped Children. Children over twelve from the Junior Centre and a number of younger trainees from the Adult Centre living in and around Northwich, attend the Club. The necessary transport is kindly provided by members of the Rotary Club and other interested people.

APPENDIX

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC.

A Family Planning Association Clinic is held every Monday from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at the County Council Clinic Centre, Weaver St., Winsford.

LUNCHEON CLUBS.

Luncheon Clubs are held at Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach and Cuddington - applications to The Secretary, Northwich Council of Social Service, The Salt Museum, Northwich (Tel. No. Northwich 2393).

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE.

Northwich Urban District - applications to Mrs. Stott, W.V.S. Organiser, "The Laurels", Norley Road, Cuddington, Northwich.

Northwich Rural District - applications to W.V.S. Organisers:
Mrs. M. Readman, Delamere Lodge, Delamere
(services in Barnton and Weaverham).

Mrs. S. Hickman Smith, "Monkstone", Sutton Field,
Whitegate (services in Hartford and Devenham).

Mrs. G. Bark, "Glenthorne", High St., Tarporley
(services in the Tarporley area).

Winsford Urban District - Mrs. O.C. Bellamy, W.V.S. Organiser, 44, Swanlow Lane, Winsford, Cheshire.

Middlewich Urban District - Mrs. R.A. Neill, W.V.S. Organiser, Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS.

Barnton Old Friends' Club, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.

Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Club, Barbers Lane, Queensgate, Northwich.

Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Club, Memorial Hall, Comberbach, Northwich.

Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club, Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich.

Darby & Joan Club, W.V.S. Civil Defence Centre, Hayhurst Street, Northwich.

Davenham Old Friends' Club, Davenham Social Club, Friths Fields.

Hartford Over 60's Club, Hartford Church Hall.

Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich.

Lostock Gralam Monday Club, Lostock Social Club.

Moulton Old Friends' Club, Moulton Church Hall.

Northwich Pensioners' Association, Gladstone Club, Northwich.

Rudheath Old Friends' Club, Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.

Secretary

Mrs. Alcock, 120, Church Road, Barnton.

Mrs. Shaw, 7, Darwin Street, Castle.

Mrs. Kellett, "Freeleen", Marbury Rd., Comberbach.

Mrs. Tomkinson, "Kedah", Chester Rd., Sandiway.

Mrs. Vernon, "Frandor", Lime Ave., Northwich.

Mrs. Rowe, 29, Firths Fields, Davenham.

Mrs. Griffiths, 149, Chester Road, Northwich.

Mrs. Faloon, 302, London Road, Leftwich.

Mrs. Morris, 3, Prospect Drive, Davenham.

Mrs. Allman, "Clovelly", Niddries Lane, Moulton.

Mr. Hornbuckle, 3, St. John's Close, Rudheath.

Mrs. Stubbs, "Inglewood", King St., Rudheath.

Club

Tarporley Autumn Club, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Weaverham Old Friends' Club, Weaverham Church Hall.

Whitegate Old Friends' Club, Whitegate Recreation Club.

Wincham Old Friends' Club, Wincham Church School.

Witton - Darby & Joan Club, Bourne Methodist School Room, Witton Street, Northwich.

Veterans' Club, Castle Park Dairies, Castle, Northwich.

Secretary

Mrs. Wilkinson, High Street, Tarporley, Ches.

Mrs. Winterbottom, 39, Owley Wood Road, Weaverham.

Mrs. Leadbeater, "Wood End Cottage", Whitegate.

Mr. Smith. 106, Pickmere Lane, Wincham.

Mrs. Skellon. 46, Victoria Road, Northwich.

Mr. S. Rogerson. 366, London Road, Northwich.

Over 60's Club, The Institute, Mrs. R.R. Dalby, Queen Street, Middlewich. Stanthorne Hall, Clive, Winsford.

Darby & Joan Club, Wharton Road
Methodist Sunday School Rooms,
Winsford.

Applications for membership to:The Secretary of the Ladies' Cttee.,
c/o Over Hall, Winsford.

Club Rooms open daily in Middlewich -

Fountain Field Sports Ground, building adjacent to the Bowling and Putting Greens. Room adjacent to the Chadwick Fields Home, newspapers and periodicals available, also the use of a small billiard table and other games.

