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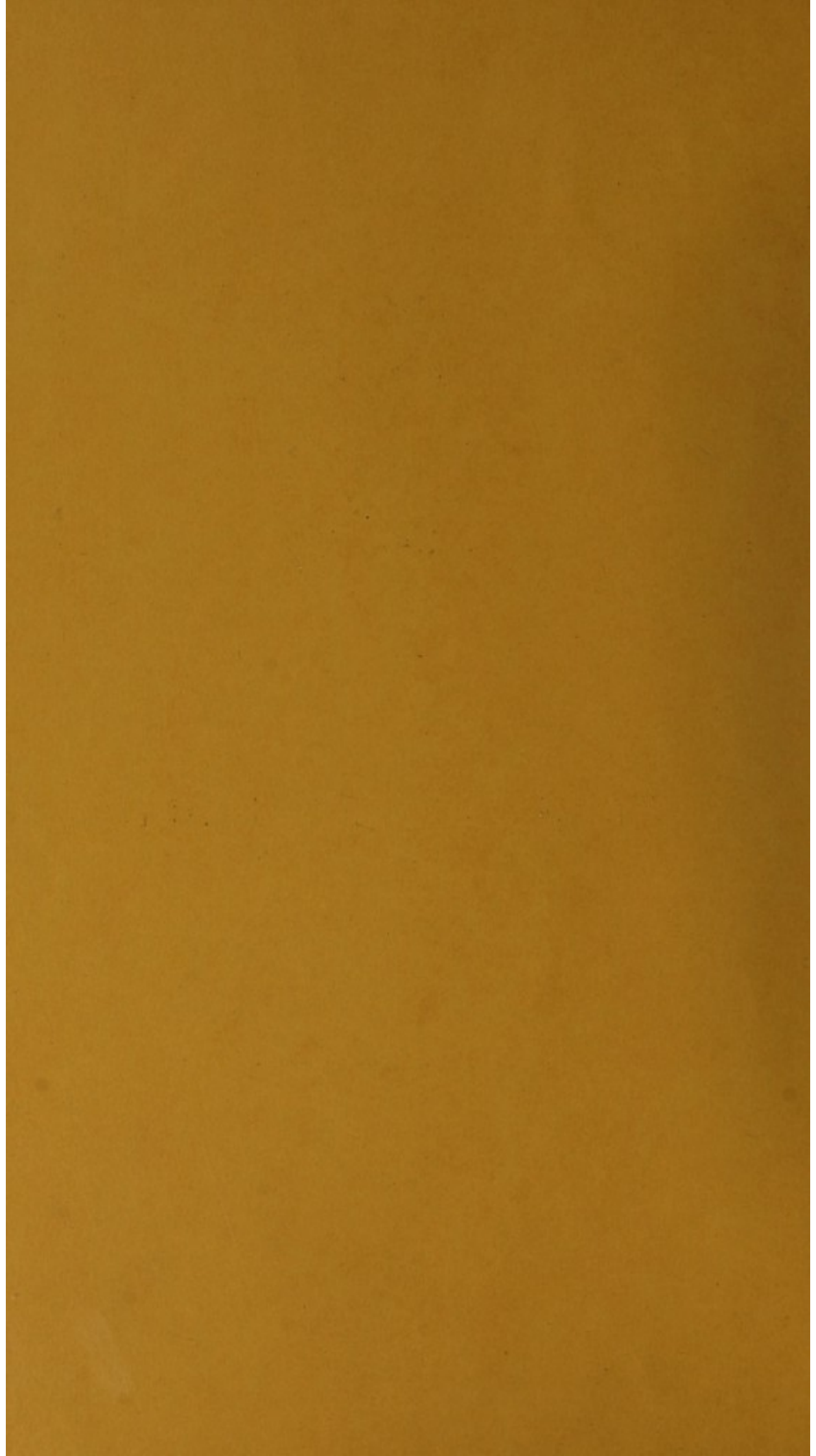
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AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR **1965**

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Public Health Department,  
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TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1965 on the health and sanitary conditions of the district.

The Registrar-General's estimate of Prestwich population, which includes residents in Prestwich Hospital, is 34,000 against 34,010 for the previous year. This reduction of ten is more than accounted for by a decrease of 81 in the number of residents in Prestwich Hospital so that the population of Prestwich when the Hospital figures are excluded shows an increase of 71 over the previous year.

The adjusted\* live birth rate was 13.8 per thousand of the population, and when allowance is made for the persons in Prestwich Hospital the adjusted rate becomes 14.88 per thousand compared with a national rate of 18.1.

The adjusted death rate after making allowance for the Prestwich Hospital residents was 9.1 per thousand of the population compared with a national rate of 11.5.

During the year there were four infant deaths, two of which occurred during the first week of life, and two which occurred during the first year. The infant mortality rate was 9.1 per thousand live births against a national rate of 19.0 per thousand, but where the numbers are so small a five year average gives a more realistic figure and the average for the five preceding years was 14.4 per thousand live births.

The number of deaths from major causes, namely those due to cancer, cerebral vascular disturbance, coronary diseases and other heart diseases, were in general similar to those of the previous year, but there was again an increase in deaths from bronchitis and other diseases of the respiratory system.

There were seven cases of respiratory tuberculosis but there were no deaths.

Infectious disease notifications were lower than those of last year and there were no major epidemics; the bulk of the notifications were measles.

There were two minor outbreaks of dysentery which affected six persons. One of these cases, involving three members of one family, presented difficulties in that one of the persons involved was the owner of a tripe and cooked meat shop where food was processed, and additionally was herself a food handler.

There were no cases of food poisoning, but two Prestwich youths were involved in a paratyphoid B outbreak which occurred during the summer in the Fylde district of Lancashire. A report of this together with the dysentery outbreak referred to above, will be found later in my report.

I have again to draw attention to the numbers of children immunised against various infections, with particular reference to poliomyelitis and diphtheria. Out of 440 children born during the year only 53 were protected against poliomyelitis; similarly only 129 were protected against diphtheria. It would appear that because of our fortuitous immunity from recent outbreaks, many parents have been lulled into a false sense of security, but should there be an outbreak as there might well be at any time, it may then be too late to secure protection, and I can only urge all parents to realise their responsibilities and to ensure that their children are adequately protected at all times.

\*"adjusted" means corrected to a standard population for the purpose of comparison with other districts.



The proportion of old people in our population has now reached quite a high figure and this has brought and will continue to bring many problems and difficulties. The care of the aged is now a matter of major concern and it is essential that every effort be made to ensure that all old people are enabled to live as full a life as possible and that they receive adequate care and attention. One of the greatest problems is the provision of suitable housing accommodation, as it is so often found that many old people are living in houses too large for them to maintain, both physically and financially, and I consider that the provision of suitable accommodation for the aged is a matter which should receive major priority. Incidentally, the provision of this type of accommodation would not only be a tremendous boon to the aged but would also release larger units of housing which could be more advantageously used. I am, therefore, pleased to report that the Council are to commence the building of 11 old people's bungalows on the Redcliffe, Hilton Lane site.

It is now recognised that one of the major health hazards is the pollution of the atmosphere. It is a primary cause of respiratory disease, and deaths in this country from bronchitis are the highest in the world. Prestwich, while not an industrial area, is by reason of its geographical position designated as a "black area" and the reduction of pollution in the atmosphere is of paramount importance. I am therefore pleased to report that the Council have now taken steps to recommence the smoke control programme which, owing to circumstances beyond their control, had regretfully to be cancelled, and details of this will be found in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Housing conditions in Prestwich are reasonably good but there are a number of small areas where the houses which are of considerable age are substandard. Unfortunately, Prestwich is now virtually a built up area and the only way of rehousing people is by utilising clearance sites as they become available. The Council is taking all possible steps to implement its clearance programme and details of the present position together with further proposed clearance areas will be found in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Water supplies were generally satisfactory during the year. Samples were submitted for bacteriological and chemical examination and all proved satisfactory.

I would again like to express my appreciation of the co-operation which exists between the Divisional Health Office and the various departments of the Council. This co-operation is extremely valuable particularly in connection with the Health and Welfare Services, and has greatly facilitated the efficient administration of same.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to members of the Council, officers and staff for their valued assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T.S.JONES,

Medical Officer of Health.



## SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area: 2,420 acres

Population:	Registrar-General's estimate of home population:
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Mid-1965	.....	34,000
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1961 census .....	34,191
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Number of inhabited dwellings according to rate books at end of 1965:  
10,906

Comprising: 10,639 dwellinghouses

245 shops with living accommodation

22 public houses

Rateable value 1965/66: £1,097,379

Sum represented by a penny rate: £4,390

Social conditions are generally good, the area is mainly residential and the chief industries are bleaching, dyeing and finishing, and the manufacture of soap and toilet requisites.

## VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		
Live	Legitimate	411	218	193	Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated	
births:	Illegitimate	29	16	13	home population mid-1965:	
					Crude	12.9
					Adjusted	13.8
Still-	Legitimate	6	3	3	Rate per 1,000 total	
births:	Illegitimate	-	-	-	births	13.5
Deaths:			236	298	Death rate per 1,000	
					estimated home population	
					mid-1965:	
					Crude	15.7
					Adjusted	11.6

When a death occurs in Prestwich Hospital it is, if the patient has been in hospital for six months or more, assigned to Prestwich instead of being transferred to the area of the patient's home address. In consequence the total deaths and the mortality rates for the Prestwich area are correspondingly higher.

### PRESTWICH RESIDENTS

Estimated population 34,000 less Prestwich Hospital residents  
(2,379 approx.) = 31,621

Mortality rates per 1,000 estimated population:

Total deaths (all forms) ..... 390 (339 in 1965)

Crude 12.3 (10.75 in 1964), adjusted 9.1 (8.38 in 1964)



Prestwich M.B.	Live births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal mortality		Infant Mortality					
	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1000 popu- lation	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1000 popu- lation	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1000 total births	Total		Neo-Natal		Peri-Natal	
									No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1000 live births	No. of still- births plus deaths of infants under one week of age	Rate per 1000 still- births and deaths of infants under one week of age
Year														
1965	440	12.9*	534	15.7*	6	13.5	Nil	Nil	4	9.1	2	4.5	8	17.9
1964	479	14.1	492	14.5	13	26.4	1	2.03	9	18.8	8	16.7	21	42.7
1963	462	13.5	531	15.5	5	10.7	Nil	Nil	4	8.7	4	8.7	9	19.3
1962	470	13.8	570	16.7	8	16.7	1	2.09	8	17.0	6	12.3	13	27.2
1961	422	12.4	550	15.9	8	18.6	Nil	Nil	4	9.5	2	4.7	9	20.9
1960	447	13.4	533	16.0	10	21.9	Nil	Nil	8	17.9	7	15.7	16	35.0
Average 5 years 1960 - 1964		13.4		15.7		18.9		0.82		14.4		11.6		29.0

\*Adjusted (live birth rate comparability factor = 1.07 = 13.8 per thousand  
(death rate comparability factor = 0.74 = 11.6 per thousand)



# CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1965 WITH COMPARABLE CAUSES FOR 1964

There were 534 deaths in the district during the year and of these 27% were due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system. In addition 17.4% were due to coronary heart disease and 15.9% were due to diseases of the blood vessels of the brain, thus the total percentage of deaths due to diseases of the heart and blood vessels was 60.3%.

Malignant disease, that is cancer and other tumours, was responsible for 15.4% of the deaths. Respiratory infections, that is pneumonia, bronchitis and other diseases of the respiratory system, caused 8.6% of the deaths.

Details of causes of death during 1965 will be found listed below, together with comparable figures for 1964.

	1965		1964	
	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	1	-
Syphilitic disease	3	1	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	2	-	-
<u>Cancers</u>				
Malignant neoplasms, stomach	7	4	4	6
Malignant neoplasms, lung, bronchus	11	2	19	5
Malignant neoplasms, breast	-	10	-	9
Malignant neoplasms, uterus	-	6	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	21	18	20	23
Leukaemia, aleukamia	2	1	2	1
Diabetes	3	6	1	1
<u>Blood vessels of brain</u>				
Vascular lesions of nervous system	29	56	26	55
<u>Coronary heart disease</u>				
Coronary disease, angina	56	37	70	31
<u>Heart and circulatory system</u>				
Hypertension with heart disease	5	6	2	8
Other heart disease	30	75	25	70
Other circulatory disease	10	18	9	7
<u>Respiratory system</u>				
Influenza	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	3	10	8	10
Bronchitis	19	6	10	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	5	2	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	2	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	3	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2	-
Congenital malformations	1	1	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	19	14	20
Motor vehicle accidents	1	4	4	2
All other accidents	5	5	-	8
Suicide	3	1	1	1
Pregnancy and childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	1
	236	298	224	268
<b>Totals</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>492</b>		
	1965	1964		
Deaths from cancers	82	91		
Deaths from diseases of the blood vessels of the brain	85	81		
Deaths from coronary heart disease	93	101		
Deaths from diseases of the heart and circulatory system	144	121		
Deaths from diseases of the respiratory system	46	37		

The above tables include deaths in Prestwich Hospital as follows:-

1965	144 deaths (66 males and 78 females)
1964	153 deaths (67 males and 86 females)



### Deaths at all ages

<u>Age at death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Under 4 weeks	1	1
4 weeks and under 1 year	2	-
1-	1	-
5-	1	-
15-	3	2
25-	1	1
35-	5	7
45-	20	11
55-	58	44
65-	72	75
75 and over	<u>72</u>	<u>157</u>
	<u>236</u>	<u>298</u>

### Causes of deaths of infants under one year of age

<u>Cause of death</u>	<u>Male/female</u>	<u>Age</u>
Prematurity	Male	1 day
Atelectasis of lungs, prematurity	Female	1 day
Meningomyelocele )	Male	2 months
Hydrocephalus )		
Asphyxia )	Male	2 months
Early fulminating pulmonary infection )		

### SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The Lancashire County Council, under the National Health Service Act, is the responsible authority for the provision and maintenance of local health services such as child welfare, mental health, care of school children, and care of the aged.

The Ambulance, District Nursing, Midwifery, and Maternity and Child Welfare Services provided by the County Council are administered under the Divisional Health Service Scheme by the Divisional Health Committee No.12 from headquarters in Bury.

Hospital facilities are provided and maintained through the Regional Hospital Board and Hospital Management Committees. Patients are admitted without regard to local authority boundaries.

The Borough Council is responsible for the provision of the remainder of local health services and the whole of those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These services include:-

- Control of infectious disease (including food poisoning)
- Provision of suitable water supplies
- Control of food and food preparing premises (including the sampling of milk, ice-cream and other foodstuffs for bacteriological examination)
- Provision of sanitary accommodation to houses, factories, shops and other premises, and the provision of public sanitary conveniences
- Inspection of houses with regard to fitness for human habitation
- Detection and prevention of nuisances
- The prevention of atmospheric pollution
- Control of rat, mouse and insect infestations
- Control of cleansing, disposal of refuse and sewage
- The examination of milk, water, ice-cream and samples of other foods, and the examination of pathological specimens is undertaken without charge to the Borough by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Public Health Laboratory, Withington Hospital, Manchester.



## SECTION C. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The infectious disease notifications for 1965 showed a decrease on those for 1964 - 269 against 281. Notifications of measles were lower, the comparable figures being 223 against 247. Cases of scarlet fever were higher being 19 against 7, but there was a reduction in whooping cough notifications from 16 to 8.

There were six cases of dysentery; of these one outbreak involved three persons in one family whilst the others were all unrelated cases. The family outbreak posed immediate problems from the public health point of view, as one of the members was the owner of a tripe and cooked meat shop where food was processed on the premises, and additionally was herself a food handler.

Stringent precautions were immediately instituted. These included the forbidding of any food to be processed on the premises and the exclusion of the owner from the shop and from handling any food likely to be sold to the public, until such time as she was fully recovered.

A careful check was made of all other food handlers involved but they were completely unaffected.

These necessary but irksome regulations caused considerable inconvenience to the family concerned but once they understood the necessity they gave their fullest co-operation.

There were no cases of food poisoning but two unrelated 20 year old Prestwich youths were involved in the paratyphoid B outbreak which occurred during the summer in the Fylde district of Lancashire. This outbreak was caused by untreated farm bottled milk supplied to hotels, boarding houses and holiday camps in the area. The agent responsible for the outbreak was salmonella paratyphi B. 3b. Var 6 and was caused by symptomless salmonella mastitis in a cow which had previously calved.

The two youths who were both confirmed paratyphoid B cases had spent one night at a holiday camp which had been supplied with the infected milk. Following the receipt of a notification in respect of one of these youths, a full investigation was immediately carried out and it was ascertained that the second youth was also involved. An exhaustive check was made of all possible contacts but no further cases were discovered.

There were seven cases of respiratory tuberculosis notified during the year and five of these occurred in Prestwich Hospital.

### CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1965

Notifiable diseases	Total cases at all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & over	Total deaths
Scarlet fever	19	-	-	1	-	1	14	2	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping cough	8	-	1	2	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	223	9	23	36	29	30	83	10	1	2	-	-	-
Dysentery	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	-	-	-
Acute pneumonia Primary and Influenzal	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Paratyphoid fever	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Tuberculosis Respiratory	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	-
	269	9	24	39	32	31	101	12	5	11	3	2	-



# IMMUNISATION OF CHILDREN AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS FOR THE YEAR 1965

Under the auspices of the Lancashire County Council vaccinations against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis were carried out in the district during the year. Details of these are appended hereunder

## Children protected

against	Year of birth					Others under	Total
	1965	1964	1963	1962	1958-61	16	
Diphtheria							
Primary	129	226	22	3	12	4	396
Reinforcement		12	215	130	256	221	834
Whooping cough							
Primary	128	220	20	2	5	2	377
Reinforcement		11	185	117	22	6	341
Tetanus							
Primary	129	212	17	3	12	4	377
Reinforcement		12	210	129	249	104	704
Poliomyelitis							
Primary	53	294	46	20	69	34	516
Reinforcement	2	2	5	9	343	11	372

## CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1965

Disease	Total	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938	1937	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878	1877	1876	1875	1874	1873	1872	1871	1870	1869	1868	1867	1866	1865	1864	1863	1862	1861	1860	1859	1858	1857	1856	1855	1854	1853	1852	1851	1850	1849	1848	1847	1846	1845	1844	1843	1842	1841	1840	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831	1830	1829	1828	1827	1826	1825	1824	1823	1822	1821	1820	1819	1818	1817	1816	1815	1814	1813	1812	1811	1810	1809	1808	1807	1806	1805	1804	1803	1802	1801	1800	1799	1798	1797	1796	1795	1794	1793	1792	1791	1790	1789	1788	1787	1786	1785	1784	1783	1782	1781	1780	1779	1778	1777	1776	1775	1774	1773	1772	1771	1770	1769	1768	1767	1766	1765	1764	1763	1762	1761	1760	1759	1758	1757	1756	1755	1754	1753	1752	1751	1750	1749	1748	1747	1746	1745	1744	1743	1742	1741	1740	1739	1738	1737	1736	1735	1734	1733	1732	1731	1730	1729	1728	1727	1726	1725	1724	1723	1722	1721	1720	1719	1718	1717	1716	1715	1714	1713	1712	1711	1710	1709	1708	1707	1706	1705	1704	1703	1702	1701	1700	1699	1698	1697	1696	1695	1694	1693	1692	1691	1690	1689	1688	1687	1686	1685	1684	1683	1682	1681	1680	1679	1678	1677	1676	1675	1674	1673	1672	1671	1670	1669	1668	1667	1666	1665	1664	1663	1662	1661	1660	1659	1658	1657	1656	1655	1654	1653	1652	1651	1650	1649	1648	1647	1646	1645	1644	1643	1642	1641	1640	1639	1638	1637	1636	1635	1634	1633	1632	1631	1630	1629	1628	1627	1626	1625	1624	1623	1622	1621	1620	1619	1618	1617	1616	1615	1614	1613	1612	1611	1610	1609	1608	1607	1606	1605	1604	1603	1602	1601	1600	1599	1598	1597	1596	1595	1594	1593	1592	1591	1590	1589	1588	1587	1586	1585	1584	1583	1582	1581	1580	1579	1578	1577	1576	1575	1574	1573	1572	1571	1570	1569	1568	1567	1566	1565	1564	1563	1562	1561	1560	1559	1558	1557	1556	1555	1554	1553	1552	1551	1550	1549	1548	1547	1546	1545	1544	1543	1542	1541	1540	1539	1538	1537	1536	1535	1534	1533	1532	1531	1530	1529	1528	1527	1526	1525	1524	1523	1522	1521	1520	1519	1518	1517	1516	1515	1514	1513	1512	1511	1510	1509	1508	1507	1506	1505	1504	1503	1502	1501	1500	1499	1498	1497	1496	1495	1494	1493	1492	1491	1490	1489	1488	1487	1486	1485	1484	1483	1482	1481	1480	1479	1478	1477	1476	1475	1474	1473	1472	1471	1470	1469	1468	1467	1466	1465	1464	1463	1462	1461	1460	1459	1458	1457	1456	1455	1454	1453	1452	1451	1450	1449	1448	1447	1446	1445	1444	1443	1442	1441	1440	1439	1438	1437	1436	1435	1434	1433	1432	1431	1430	1429	1428	1427	1426	1425	1424	1423	1422	1421	1420	1419	1418	1417	1416	1415	1414	1413	1412	1411	1410	1409	1408	1407	1406	1405	1404	1403	1402	1401	1400	1399	1398	1397	1396	1395	1394	1393	1392	1391	1390	1389	1388	1387	1386	1385	1384	1383	1382	1381	1380	1379	1378	1377	1376	1375	1374	1373	1372	1371	1370	1369	1368	1367	1366	1365	1364	1363	1362	1361	1360	1359	1358	1357	1356	1355	1354	1353	1352	1351	1350	1349	1348	1347	1346	1345	1344	1343	1342	1341	1340	1339	1338	1337	1336	1335	1334	1333	1332	1331	1330	1329	1328	1327	1326	1325	1324	1323	1322	1321	1320	1319	1318	1317	1316	1315	1314	1313	1312	1311	1310	1309	1308	1307	1306	1305	1304	1303	1302	1301	1300	1299	1298	1297	1296	1295	1294	1293	1292	1291	1290	1289	1288	1287	1286	1285	1284	1283	1282	1281	1280	1279	1278	1277	1276	1275	1274	1273	1272	1271	1270	1269	1268	1267	1266	1265	1264	1263	1262	1261	1260	1259	1258	1257	1256	1255	1254	1253	1252	1251	1250	1249	1248	1247	1246	1245	1244	1243	1242	1241	1240	1239	1238	1237	1236	1235	1234	1233	1232	1231	1230	1229	1228	1227	1226	1225	1224	1223	1222	1221	1220	1219	1218	1217	1216	1215	1214	1213	1212	1211	1210	1209	1208	1207	1206	1205	1204	1203	1202	1201	1200	1199	1198	1197	1196	1195	1194	1193	1192	1191	1190	1189	1188	1187	1186	1185	1184	1183	1182	1181	1180	1179	1178	1177	1176	1175	1174	1173	1172	1171	1170	1169	1168	1167	1166	1165	1164	1163	1162	1161	1160	1159	1158	1157	1156	1155	1154	1153	1152	1151	1150	1149	1148	1147	1146	1145	1144	1143	1142	1141	1140	1139	1138	1137	1136	1135	1134	1133	1132	1131	1130	1129	1128	1127	1126	1125	1124	1123	1122	1121	1120	1119	1118	1117	1116	1115	1114	1113	1112	1111	1110	1109	1108	1107	1106	1105	1104	1103	1102	1101	1100	1099	1098	1097	1096	1095	1094	1093	1092	1091	1090	1089	1088	1087	1086	1085	1084	1083	1082	1081	1080	1079	1078	1077	1076	1075	1074	1073	1072	1071	1070	1069	1068	1067	1066	1065	1064	1063	1062	1061	1060	1059	1058	1057	1056	1055	1054	1053	1052	1051	1050	1049	1048	1047	1046	1045	1044	1043	1042	1041	1040	1039	1038	1037	1036	1035	1034	1033	1032	1031	1030	1029	1028	1027	1026	1025	1024	1023	1022	1021	1020	1019	1018	1017	1016	1015	1014	1013	1012	1011	1010	1009	1008	1007	1006	1005	1004	1003	1002	1001	1000	999	998	997	996	995	994	993	992	991	990	989	988	987	986	985	984	983	982	981	980	979	978	977	976	975	974	973	972	971	970	969	968	967	966	965	964	963	962	961	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SECTION D. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
PRESTWICH.

July, 1966

TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I have the honour to present to you, in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health, my eighth Annual Report on the work of environmental health carried out during the year 1965.

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I am particularly pleased that smoke control will once again play a major part in the work of the department. At the time of compiling this report, an area covering 58.46 acres and including 375 premises is awaiting confirmation by the Ministry, and a survey to find out details of costs and fuel requirements is being undertaken in a further area comprising over 500 premises. There is no doubt that with a third of the Borough now under smoke control, pollution figures tabled further in this report show a remarkable improvement in the cleanliness of the air over Prestwich and there is also proof of a reduction in the concentration of sulphur dioxide.

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Over 520 complaints were made to the department in the course of the 12 months relative to housing, sanitary defects, drainage, food, rodents, pests and other matters of a varied nature referred to in the report. Your Rodent Operator, Mr. J. Wood, was kept fully occupied throughout the year



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I would like to express my thanks to the Members of the Council, officers and staff for their valued help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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E. WHEELER,

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Apart from the post of Deputy, the staffing position remained constant throughout the year. Mr. A. Aiston succeeded Mr. D. Pegg in January 1965 and has proved a valuable asset to the department.

Over 520 complaints were made to the department in the course of the 12 months relative to housing, sanitary defects, drainage, food, rodents, pests and other matters of a varied nature referred to in the report. Your Robert Operator, Mr. J. Wood, was kept fully occupied throughout the year.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION  
OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. The powers and duties of the Council as to the administration and enforcement of Acts of Parliament, orders, regulations and byelaws, so far as the same relate to public health and to unhealthy dwellings and dwellings unfit for human habitation except in so far as such powers and duties are delegated.
2. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the powers and duties of the Council under the Shops Act, Petroleum Acts, Factory Acts, Rent Restriction Acts, the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949, Slaughter of Animals Acts, the Explosives Acts, the Pet Animals Act 1951, the Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act 1951, the Landlord and Tenant(Furniture and Fittings)Act 1959, the Fabrics(Misdescription)Regulations 1959, the Home Safety Act 1961, the Consumer Protection Act 1961, Part II of the Housing Act 1961, the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963, the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964, the Riding Establishments Act 1964, and the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.
3. The provision, control and maintenance of public conveniences.
4. The powers and duties of the Council under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods)Order 1959, as delegated to the Council by the Lancashire County Council.
5. The powers and duties of the Council under the Clean Air Act 1956, except in so far as they fall within the province of the Plans and Development Committee.

POWERS AND DUTIES NOT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

1. The service of notices under ss.39,75 and 93 of the Public Health Act 1936 (as to drainage, dustbins, statutory nuisances).
2. The issue of licences under s.269 of the Public Health Act 1936.
3. The issue, refusal or cancellation of certificates of disrepair under Part II of the First Schedule of the Rent Act 1957.
4. The approval of expenditure under s.12(1) of the Clean Air Act 1956, on works of adaptation.
5. The approval of payment of claims under the Clean Air Act 1956, for grants in respect of the adaptation of fireplaces in private dwellings and issue of certificates that the work has been satisfactorily carried out.

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This Committee meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the first week following the Council meeting.





## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### WATER SUPPLIES

Most of Prestwich is supplied with water by the Manchester Corporation Waterworks although the Heywood and Middleton Water Board supplies the Simister and Heywood Old Road areas.

During the year four samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination and were all reported on as satisfactory and free from coliform bacilli.

Two samples of water were submitted for chemical analysis and the remarks of the analyst were as follows:-

(a) Sample from Heywood and Middleton supply

This is filtered moorland water of the highest standard of purity. It is excellent drinking water and very soft.

(b) Sample from Manchester Waterworks supply

This is unfiltered water from the Lake District, slightly chlorinated. It has the usual characteristics of water of this source, being very low in mineral matter and containing traces of peaty matter in solution. This sample contains a trace of bicarbonate of soda instead of permanent hardness. This makes the boiled water faintly alkaline, a point which is sometimes noticed by consumers because such water brews a darker coloured tea than usual. It is of no significance from the point of view of health and is probably caused by the water passing through mains recently lined with concrete.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

With the exception of the semi-rural area of Simister all sewage from the district is conveyed through the Council's sewers to their Sewage Disposal Works off Buckley Lane. Pumping stations are provided in the low lying areas to boost the flow along the main sewerage system.

It had for a long time been acknowledged that the main sewage works was unable to cope adequately with the increased flow of sewage in Prestwich due to the construction of new houses, increase in population, provision of additional water closets, sinks, baths, wash-hand basins and washing machines since the sewage works was built. The Council agreed to the extension and improvement of these works in three stages, the first two of which were completed by the end of 1961 and the final stage in 1963. These works are now comparable with any modern sewage works of their size in the country and the effluent which discharges into the River Irwell complies with the standard laid down by the Mersey and Irwell Rivers Boards. Routine samples of the effluent taken by the Rivers Pollution Board's officers have satisfied their requirements.

A similar project on a much smaller scale was completed in the Simister area where a certain amount of redevelopment is taking place. The previously overloaded and obsolete small disposal units in the area were demolished and a new works constructed. Properties previously drained to the Council's septic tank and filter in Simister Lane were connected to the new foul sewer. A new pumping station to replace the previous small disposal works off Droughts Lane was constructed and now pumps the sewage from that area to the new treatment plant.

Now that the scheme is in operation, sewage from properties along Simister Lane between the new bungalows near Corday Lane and the "Same Yet" Inn, all those in Droughts Lane and John Street, those in Nut Lane up to St. George's Church and those in Mount Pleasant, Croft Avenue and Farm Lane, are being treated by the new sewage treatment plant.



The Council shared the cost of conversion from pail closets to the water carriage system including the cost of connection to the new sewer.

The remaining properties in the area, which mainly include isolated farms where there is no sewer within reasonable distance, drain into septic tanks and cesspools. The Council provide a service for emptying cesspools and this is carried out every three months.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH(DRAINAGE OF TRADE PREMISES)ACT 1937 (AS AMENDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1961)

Five formal samples of trade effluent from two pig farms in the Simister area were taken during the year in connection with the treatment of effluent at the new Simister Sewage Works.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Pail closets	25
Fresh water closets	11,810
Waste water closets	5
Movable dustbins	12,405
Waste water closets converted to fresh water closets	Nil
Pail closets converted to fresh water closets	Nil
Number of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles	Nil

#### DRAINS AND SEWERS

A service is given for the liberation of certain obstructed private drainage systems in cases of emergency and in other cases when the Rodent Operator is not too busily engaged on his own routine work of pest control. A charge is made for this service.

A great deal of trouble is continually being experienced in connection with obstructed drains and sewers. The Public Health Act 1961 has enabled the department to deal more quickly with these and other matters and a special Emergency Powers Committee has been set up to meet when required. The following powers and duties of this Committee are not subject to confirmation of the Borough Council:-

1. The powers and duties of the Council (a) under s.24 of the Public Health Act 1936 (maintenance of public sewers), and (b) under s.93 thereof (statutory notices) if, in the opinion of the Chief Public Health Inspector, the service of a particular notice is a matter of urgency.
2. The powers and duties of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act 1961: s.17(2) (stopped up drains), s.18 (repair of drains and private sewers); s.26 (defective premises prejudicial to health).
3. The powers and duties of the Council under s.58 of the Public Health Act 1936 and s.25 of the Public Health Act 1961 so far as these sections relate to dangerous buildings.

The general public appear to have the impression that if any of their private drains or sewers become defective, the Council should immediately clear them free of charge. This is far from true and indeed the legal position in many cases has proved to be quite complicated. Most of these difficulties, however, are resolved through mutual agreement with the persons concerned after a careful explanation of the position from a legal point of view.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING

1. Refuse disposal

The Council operate a full scale system of controlled tipping and this



method has proved to be most successful. All refuse is tipped, according to the Ministry of Health's recommendations, on Carr Meadow, and a modern Track Marshall bulldozer permanently stationed on the tip consolidates and levels the refuse. A Muirhill hydraulic shovel digs out suitable cover material from the sewage works land, loads it on to a three cubic yard dumper which transports it to the tip, which is about a mile away. Refuse is covered after every load and effectively sealed at the end of each working day. Regular visits are made to check on vermin and insects and when necessary treatments are carried out. The tip is regularly treated to prevent any serious infestation of crickets and a special treatment is carried out each Spring and Autumn.

It has been noticed that since the change over to controlled tipping took place there have been no complaints about the tip and the incidence of rodents, insects and other pests has shown a remarkable decrease.

The old refuse disposal works was demolished in 1962.

## 2. Refuse collection

The Council maintain a regular seven day collection of refuse from all houses in the Borough with the exception of an outlying area in Heywood Old Road where, by arrangement, the refuse is collected by Middleton Corporation.

The seven day collection in Prestwich is mainly due to the inauguration of a bonus scheme for the collectors which was adopted by the Council and came into force on 1st April, 1963, also the introduction of two compressor type vehicles in the collection fleet which now comprises three Dennis side loaders and two Dennis Paxit Mark III compression type vehicles.

Due to the changes in the composition of refuse and its more bulky nature, compression type vehicles have proved most successful in this area and eventually all the refuse vehicles will be of this type.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Borough is fairly well catered for in respect of public conveniences, there being a total of five situate in various parts of the town including St. Mary's Floral and Recreation Parks, George Street, Poppythorn Lane and Heaton Park.

During the year there have been numerous cases of vandalism at the public conveniences and the Corporation has been put to considerable trouble and expense in maintaining them in a satisfactory condition. The Council agreed to the provision of washing facilities in two of the main conveniences and these have now been installed.

A full-time Lavatory Attendant is employed in cleaning the public conveniences and general repairs are carried out by a local contractor.

## PROVISION OF DUSTBINS

Unlike many neighbouring authorities, Prestwich does not operate a municipal dustbin scheme but has found that the normal replacement of dustbins by the owners and occupiers works very well. Notices under s.75 of the Public Health Act 1936 have been served in five instances this year and only one bin has had to be provided in default of the notice. Owners are informed that standard dustbins can be supplied and delivered through the Corporation at current prices and many take advantage of this service. In Council owned property, bins are replaced free of charge.



## MORTUARY SERVICE

Until June 1964 any dead bodies requiring removal to the mortuary were conveyed at the request of the police in the Department's specially designed bedding and mortuary van, which was also used for routine Health Department work. Since that date, however, this service has been withdrawn and all such requests by the police are now dealt with in conjunction with a local undertaker.

Full mortuary facilities are available by arrangement with the police at Prestwich Hospital.

## CLEAN AIR ACT 1956.

### SMOKE CONTROL

The last smoke control area came into operation on 1st November, 1963, and from that date until the end of 1965 no further progress was made in the establishment of more areas due mainly to changes in policy by the Ministry regarding supplies of coke as a result of technological changes in the gas industry.

The Council has now given approval to the first area to be dealt with under the Ministry's new fuel policy and grant arrangements, and it is hoped that this will come into operation on 1st April, 1967. In the meanwhile a second area is being surveyed in order to have it ready for submission to Council and subsequent confirmation by the Minister by the time the first area comes into operation.

In accordance with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government's Circular No.69/63, all the appropriate fuel producers and distributors listed in the circular were consulted on the local supply situation and availability of all smokeless fuels before the first area was submitted for confirmation. As anticipated the North Western Gas Board stated that they can no longer guarantee supplies of their solid smokeless fuels, e.g., open fire coke and Phimax for future smoke control areas but assurances were given by the National Coal Board and other fuel manufacturers that there will be sufficient supplies of other types of solid smokeless fuels including Rexco, Coalite, Sunbrite, Room Heat and Homefire, etc. The supplies of gas and electricity were also assured.

The position at the time of compiling this report is shown in the table below. Areas Nos. 1 to 7 are shown on the map following page 15.

Smoke Control Areas

Area No.	Title of Smoke Control Order	Type of premises			Acreage	Date operative
		Dwellings	Industrial	Others		
1	"Borough of Prestwich" Butt Hill 1957	120	-	-	21	1.9.58
2	Carr Clough 1959	490	-	1	42	1.9.61
3	Kersal Close 1959	15	-	-	1.20	1.11.60
4	Agecroft Road 1961	502	-	13	80	1.11.62
5	Hilton Park 1962	613	-	56	272.80	1.7.63
6A	Bent Hill 1962	578	-	10	103	1.11.63
6B	Prestwich Park 1962	740	-	26	177	1.11.63
7A	Church Drive 1966	*408	5	74	58.46	1.4.67
7B	Clifton Road	*493	5	23	202.40	Survey in progress
Totals		3,951	10	201	957.86	

Total number of premises in Borough .... 10,889

Total acreage of Borough .... 2,420

\*includes 160 exempted houses in clearance areas

1 industrial chimney exempted



### Fuel supplies and grant arrangements

After consultation with the fuel producers and suppliers the local authority were satisfied that although the supply of gas coke alone would not be available for the proposed area the combined supplies of all kinds of open fire fuels (the reactive as well as coke) would be sufficient. In view of this the Ministry state that grant will be payable on the following works at the option of the owner or occupier and it will not be necessary to ban improved open grates from ranking for grants:-

- (a) adapting an improved open grate to burn gas coke;
- (b) replacing a coal burning grate by an improved open grate;
- (c) replacing a coal burning grate by an underfloor draught fire, electric storage heater or solid fuel, gas or oil room heater;
- (d) replacing an improved open grate by any of the appliances in (c) above.

A joint Technical Sub Committee comprising representatives of the South East Lancashire and North Cheshire Consultative Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution Joint Scheme No.2 of which we are members, the Standing Conference on Air Pollution and the Cities of Manchester and Salford have approved certain standard costs for necessary works of adaptation and conversion of appliances in smoke control areas for which grants are payable. These are in line with the amounts given by the Ministry and have been accepted by them.

It is particularly important that all authorities pay similar grants and it is for this reason that these figures have been produced after careful consideration.

### Factory chimneys

There are only nine factory chimneys within the Borough, six of which serve mechanically fired Lancashire boilers burning coal, two serve oil fired Lancashire boilers and one serves a forge burning coke.

### Measurement of atmospheric pollution

This department operates and maintains apparatus in various parts of the Borough for measuring the concentration of both smoke and sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere. Daily records of pollution have been kept regularly since 1957. The results obtained from these instruments are sent every month to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and can be compared with results from other authorities published by that Department in a monthly bulletin and a yearly summary. Figures continue to show that as more domestic coal fires are used in September, a progressive increase in the concentration of smoke is recorded and has been as much as three times the concentration in August.

It is recognised that with the introduction of smoke control areas, smoke pollution will grow progressively less and sulphur dioxide pollution will also be reduced but to a smaller extent. The smoke/S.O<sub>2</sub> ratio is always high in areas where smoke predominates such as residential areas.

Details of the measurement of pollution since the apparatus was installed in 1957 at the various stations in the Borough are set out in the tables on pages 16 and 17 and show the monthly concentrations of smoke and sulphur dioxide, the smoke S.O<sub>2</sub> ratio, the yearly averages and the 9 yr. monthly averages from 1957 to 1965. These figures clearly show that as a result of our extensive smoke control measures, the concentrations of smoke and sulphur dioxide in Prestwich have been considerably lowered.

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The Chairman of the Health Committee and myself were again appointed as representatives on the Manchester and District Clean Air Council and the North West Society for Clean Air.



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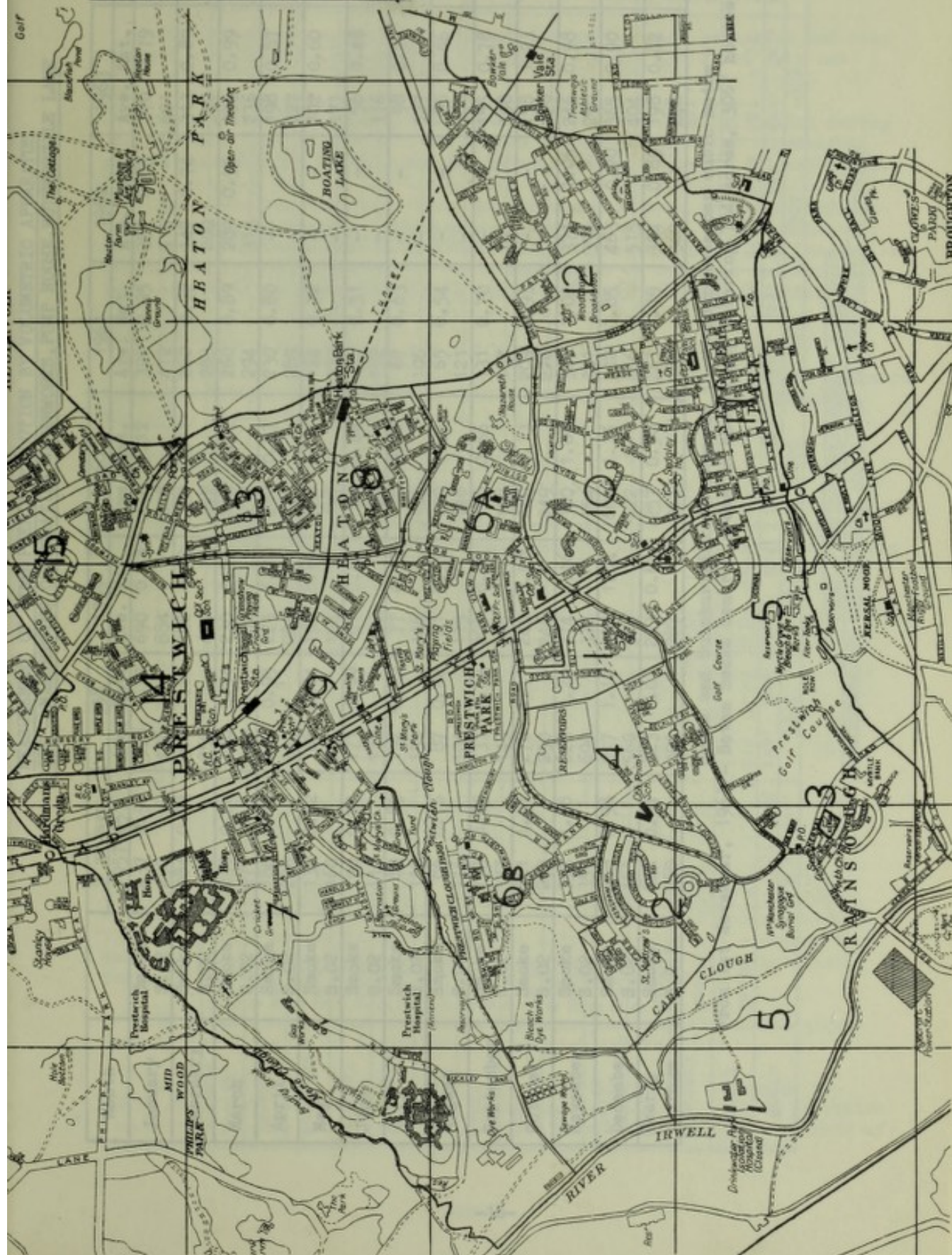
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SMOKE CONTROL PROGRAMME**

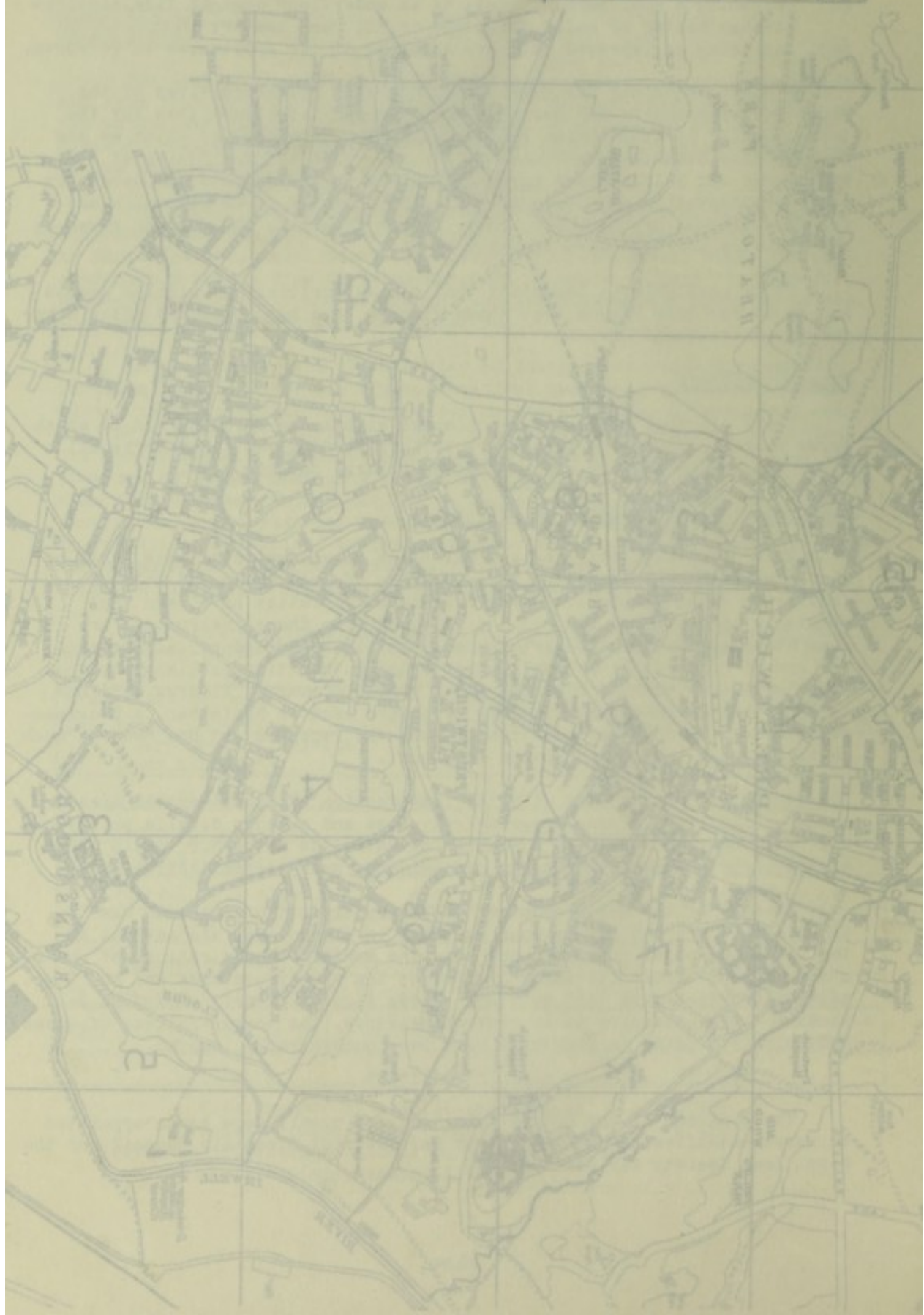
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**MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION BY VOLUMETRIC APPARATUS**  
**SITE - MANCHESTER CORPORATION WATERWORKS, PUMP HOUSE, BUTTERSTILE LANE**

Month		9 yr. ave.		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965	
		1957-65		Ave. Rat.		Ave. Rat.		Ave. Rat.		Ave. Rat.		Ave. Rat.		Ave. Rat.		Ave. Rat.		Ave. Rat.	
January	Smoke	437	0.92	578	1.17	690	0.78	470	1.12	390	0.95	351	0.85	370	0.79	352	0.86	294	0.90
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	492		496		884		418		412		415		601		407		305	
February	Smoke	284	0.94	314	1.21	380	0.93	390	1.11	260	0.92	147	0.74	313	0.80	223	0.81	245	1.03
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	300		259		407		352		283		200		390		277		238	
March	Smoke	239	0.88	320	0.94	230	0.91	210	0.97	260	0.89	289	0.92	233	0.99	179	0.90	197	0.54
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	277		340		252		217		294		313		236		201		364	
April	Smoke	186	0.78	230	0.95	223	1.00	200	0.87	230	0.80	-	-	198	0.87	82	0.50	139	0.50
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	235		241		224		231		289		-		227		164		279	
May	Smoke	130	0.92	168	0.84	158	0.81	150	0.76	124	0.72	-	-	102	0.60	50	0.37	80	0.57
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	160		201		194		197		173		-		171		135		140	
June	Smoke	90	0.74	171	0.99	81	0.59	60	0.44	77	0.51	-	-	56	0.48	54	0.45	61	0.43
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	113		172		137		137		152		-		116		121		140	
July	Smoke	89	0.85	152	0.99	77	0.53	70	0.58	67	0.63	-	-	98	0.77	40	0.34	50	0.45
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	118		154		146		120		106		-		127		117		111	
August	Smoke	86	0.76	87	0.84	61	0.53	110	0.75	65	0.54	-	-	85	0.66	52	0.44	57	0.57
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	116		104		115		146		121		-		129		119		99	
September	Smoke	153	0.89	137	0.96	200	0.96	170	0.86	131	0.70	-	-	155	0.78	113	0.66	117	0.73
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	177		143		208		198		187		-		198		199		146	
October	Smoke	251	1.01	278	1.11	240	0.98	280	1.13	209	0.93	-	-	158	1.23	297	0.64	164	1.56
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	242		250		246		249		226		-		129		464		105	
November	Smoke	392	1.08	828	1.20	374	1.16	370	1.05	347	1.02	371	1.05	246	0.98	362	1.08	198	0.82
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	355		690		322		354		341		354		250		335		240	
December	Smoke	458	0.98	617	1.10	320	1.04	600	1.15	732	0.85	463	0.90	365	0.90	396	1.05	164	0.69
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	461		560		308		522		866		515		404		379		237	
Yearly average	Smoke	242	0.94	323	1.03	253	0.85	257	0.90	241	0.79	324	0.89	198	0.82	183	0.67	147	0.73
	S.O <sub>2</sub>	260		301		287		262		288		360		248		243		200	

Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide measured in microgrammes per cubic metre

From 1st November, 1963 - Seven Smoke Control Areas in operation, covering 734 acres, 3067 houses and 108 other premises



**MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION BY VOLUMETRIC APPARATUS**  
**SITE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TOWN HALL**

Month	9 yr. ave.	1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965	
		Ave.	Rat.	Ave.	Rat.	Ave.	Rat.	Ave.	Rat.	Ave.	Rat.	Ave.	Rat.	Ave.	Rat.	Ave.	Rat.
January	Smoke	540	1.57	615	1.30	750	0.99	560	1.26	390	1.75	464	2.22	647	1.59	387	1.45
	S.O2	369		474		760		446		223		209		408		267	
February	Smoke	358	1.35	353	1.21	440	0.94	430	1.78	320	1.65	241	1.18	352	1.49	259	1.13
	S.O2	271		293		469		242		194		204		237		230	
March	Smoke	316	1.28	388	1.46	290	1.18	220	1.67	290	1.15	536	1.83	244	1.09	177	0.89
	S.O2	254		266		246		132		252		293		223		198	
April	Smoke	214	1.12	299	1.18	274	1.11	190	2.04	210	0.88	159	0.78	192	0.88	108	0.69
	S.O2	227		253		246		93		240		204		218		156	
May	Smoke	151	1.08	208	1.09	163	0.79	170	1.56	109	0.70	144	0.89	110	0.72	72	0.46
	S.O2	155		190		206		109		156		161		152		156	
June	Smoke	113	0.94	214	1.45	96	0.72	80	1.00	94	0.72	121	0.83	79	0.59	69	0.53
	S.O2	130		148		134		80		131		145		134		129	
July	Smoke	105	0.89	160	1.07	89	0.66	110	0.98	95	0.86	98	0.85	109	0.66	41	0.37
	S.O2	125		149		135		112		111		116		166		111	
August	Smoke	115	0.91	163	1.18	71	0.60	150	1.09	91	0.77	99	0.88	103	0.70	61	0.49
	S.O2	127		138		118		137		118		112		147		123	
September	Smoke	187	1.10	213	1.40	211	0.99	230	1.30	171	1.06	195	1.37	183	0.75	134	0.61
	S.O2	173		152		214		177		162		142		243		183	
October	Smoke	297	1.27	338	1.44	266	1.05	310	1.42	252	1.02	331	1.65	209	1.11	366	1.35
	S.O2	233		235		254		218		247		201		188		270	
November	Smoke	384	1.25	480	0.91	432	1.26	410	1.31	358	1.39	433	1.74	272	1.19	374	1.12
	S.O2	313		528		342		312		257		249		229		334	
December	Smoke	523	1.57	681	1.53	370	1.22	560	1.68	792	1.45	569	1.86	449	1.62	492	1.42
	S.O2	355		446		303		334		546		306		277		346	
Yearly average	Smoke	275	1.18	343	1.27	288	0.96	285	1.42	264	1.12	283	1.34	246	1.03	212	0.88
	S.O2	226		273		273		199		220		195		219		209	

Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide measured in Microgrammes per cubic metre

SITE - WINDCHESTER CONVENTION WATERWORKS' LAMP HOUSE' BALLENGALL'S TWE



## CONTROL OF INFESTATION

During the year the Rodent Operator successfully treated various nuisances arising on tips and in dwellinghouses and other premises from the presence of crickets, beetles, cockroaches, etc. These were successfully eradicated with modern liquid and powder insecticides. All types of infestations are dealt with by the Rodent Operator at Prestwich Hospital for which a charge is made.

The houses, clothing and furniture of prospective Council tenants are inspected before tenancies are taken up. Any infested houses are disinfested prior to removal.

Bug infestations are dealt with by fumigation with gammexane and then treated with liquids and powders containing D.D.T. There was only one such infestation during the year.

Altogether over 50 wasp infestations were successfully treated during the months of July and August and it was found that the most successful way of dealing with these nests was by spraying with carbon tetrachloride.

There was one case of a lousy person who was taken to the disinfection centre at Monsall and the house treated with D.D.T. and Lindane. Before the verminous person returned, the Welfare Officer of the Lancashire County Council had arranged for clean bedding to be supplied and the Home Help Service to put the house into a clean and satisfactory condition.

## DISINFECTION

Disinfection in cases of infectious diseases is carried out by formalin spray or formalin vapour only in those premises where it is considered necessary by the Medical Officer of Health.

## THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employ a full-time Rodent Operator and all complaints of infestation are investigated and a treatment carried out if necessary. Tips, allotments, etc., are also investigated to ensure that re-infestations have not arisen since the previous treatment. Appended hereunder is an analysis of the various types of infestation.

	Business premises	Dwelling houses	Corporation self-occupied property	Agricultural property	Total
<b>Rats:</b>					
Type of infestation:					
Major	2	1	1	3	
Minor	50	134	3	4	191
<b>Mice:</b>					
Major	1	1	1	1	
Minor	36	69	1	1	107

The Rodent Operator made 1,540 visits investigating and treating infestations as compared with 1,333 visits in 1964. Regular treatments were carried out at Prestwich Hospital. The treatment of rodent infestation in private houses is carried out as a free service but a charge is made for any treatment carried out on business premises or agricultural property.

In December he attended a three day course on rodent control organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

During the year a notice under s.4 of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, was served on the owner and occupier of land in Prestwich requiring it to be kept free from rats and mice. Subsequent inspections of the land revealed that all rodent infestation had been eradicated.



(a) Prestwich town sewers:

During the year a treatment was carried out on the Prestwich sewers with Fluorakil, which is a proprietary brand of sodium fluoracetate. This is a direct poison therefore no pre-baiting was required. 185 selected manholes, covering the whole of the town's sewers, were initially baited. These manholes were all in sewers which in the past had shown evidence of infestation and additionally were all at road junctions. 5 complete and 11 partial takes were recorded and follow-up treatments were successfully carried out. From all the available evidence it would appear that this treatment was highly effective and this has been confirmed by the subsequent reductions in surface infestation.

(b) Prestwich Hospital sewers:

A similar treatment with Fluorakil was carried out on the sewers at Prestwich Hospital. Baiting was carried out over as wide an area as possible and the manholes chosen were those which in the past had shown evidence of infestation. 7 takes were recorded, but the infestation was of a slight and scattered nature only, and was successfully eradicated. From the results obtained by this treatment it would appear that rodent infestation in these sewers has been largely eliminated.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE RODENT CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Health Committee and I were again appointed to serve on this Committee which meets regularly four times a year.

SCHOOLS

In accordance with the Council's request, a survey of all the schools in the Borough was undertaken during the year and particular attention was paid to the washing facilities, sanitary accommodation, facilities for school meals and yard surfacing. In most of the schools washing facilities were more than adequate. Zalpon soap dispensers and paper towels are mainly used. Attention has been drawn in several instances to the need for tiling walls at the rear of wash basins. Minor defects such as lighting, defective flushing cisterns, defective woodwork, and redecoration were also mentioned.

Sanitary accommodation was found to be adequate in all cases except at one school where it was felt that additional accommodation should be provided for the junior boys. Again attention was drawn to minor defects including repairs and redecoration, also the signing "Boys" or "Girls" at the entrances to the sanitary accommodation.

Over half the sanitary accommodation was situate inside the schools and in the remaining cases the Education Committee are making every effort to incorporate these facilities inside the school. At Hope Park Girls' County Secondary School work is nearing completion on the construction of new internal sanitary conveniences and washing facilities. Recommendations have been approved for a similar project at three other schools and it is hoped to be completed within the next two or three years.

All kitchens and places where food is prepared or served were given special consideration and these were mainly found to be satisfactory. In certain cases, however, additional wash hand basins and other matters concerning food hygiene were brought to the attention of the authority concerned.

In most schools the playground surfaces were found to be in good condition and it was only in a few minor cases where defective surfacing was found and the authority notified.



**SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS INCLUDING RE-VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH  
INSPECTORS IN 1965**

Drains - tested or examined	594	Shops - bakehouses	6
found defective	223	butchers	70
reconstructed	66	confectioners	36
work in progress	175	sugar confectioners	60
Public sewers	142	dairies	4
Houses -		fried fish	6
re impr. & standard grants	66	wet fish	3
certificates of disrepair	4	fish and poultry	3
dirty conditions	68	grocers	259
verminous	7	greengrocers	88
Housing Acts - clearance areas	103	preserved foods	9
closing orders	29	restaurants	9
overcrowding	9	snack bars	26
housing		registration for	
inspections	121	ice cream	5
Public Health Acts	872	Shops Act 1950 -	
Animal boarding establishments	6	inspections	17
Bees, wasps, insects	240	registration of	
Canteens	7	Jewish traders	5
Clubs and licensed premises	140	Foreign bodies in food	3
Disinfection	20	Refuse accumulations	156
Disinfestation	84	Schools	23
Provision of dustbins	15	Septic tanks	5
Explosives Act	37	Tenancy inspections	29
Factories - mechanical power	52	Tips	36
non-mechanical power	2	Unsound food	19
Farms	23	Waste food boiling plants	5
Hackney carriages	13	Water supplies	13
Hairdressing establishments	21	Miscellaneous	331
Housing applications	12		
Infectious disease	126		
Offices, shops & railway premises	160		
Outworkers	10		
Petroleum Act	39		
Pet Animals Act	6		
Piggeries	7		
Poultry farm	2		
Public conveniences	60		
Riding establishments	2		
Rodent control	108		
Sampling - ice cream	4		
milk	17		
water	13		
sewage	4		
trade effluent	3		
Smallholdings	2		
Smoke observations	42		
Smoke control-areas	12		
survey	4		
adaptations	13		
Boiler plants	3		
Oil fired plants	26		
Food hygiene regulations	415		

Total inspections and re-inspections 1965 - 5,465  
(1964 - 4,067)



## SECTION E. HOUSING.

### HOUSING CONDITIONS

The local authority owns 1818 houses. Of the remainder the most prevalent type are semi-detached houses approximately between five and 50 years' old. Older terraced type property exists in parts of the district but in general housing conditions are reasonably good. Certain statistical information abstracted from the 1961 census figures, set out below, bears out this fact as it can be seen that the number of houses without exclusive use of the main sanitary arrangements is quite small compared with the figure for the County as a whole.

### SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS

772 houses or 7.41% (30.6%) without exclusive use of all four arrangements\*  
615 " " 5.9% (29.6%) without fixed bath  
156 " " 1.5% (8.14%) without w.c. in or attached to the building  
346 " " 3.32% (20.9%) without exclusive use of hot tap in building

(Figures in brackets denote average figures for whole of County)

\*Denotes fixed bath, hot tap, inside w.c., cold tap

### ANALYSIS OF HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Class of applicant	Accommodation asked for				
	1 bedroom	2 bedroom	3 bedroom	4 bedroom	Total
Applicants in rooms	67	46	34	-	147
Applicants who are tenants	203	94	108	5	410
Applicants who are owner-occupiers	56	8	16	1	81
Totals	326	148	158	6	638

### Analysis of applications for transfer from Council tenants

Applications for 1 bedroom accommodation	38
" " 2 " "	39
" " 3 " "	36
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During the year no dwellings were built by the local authority but 33 houses and 38 flats were erected by private builders. At the end of the year the local authority had no dwellings under construction but 23 houses and 18 flats were in course of erection by private builders.

The Council are to erect 11 old people's bungalows on the "Redcliffe", Hilton Lane, site and the construction of these dwellings will be commenced within the very near future.

### HOUSING ACT 1957

#### 1. Clearance areas

Since 1955, when the Council submitted their proposals to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for dealing with unfit houses, 11 clearance areas including 199 dwellings have been represented and confirmed by the Ministry. Five more areas involving 100 houses have been represented but are awaiting confirmation. Details of clearance areas dealt with since 1955 are set out overleaf, followed by a list of unfit houses in 7 areas to be dealt with in the current programme.



Clearance area	Number of houses	Confirmed by Minister	All families rehoused	Properties demolished	Dealt with by C.P.O.	Remarks
Heaton Park No.1 (Infant Street) 1956	31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Council dwellings built on site
Heaton Park No.2 (Whittaker Lane) 1957	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Heaton Park No.3A (Newtown Street) 1959	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Council dwellings to be built on site.
No.4 (Clayton Street) 1962	36	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In redevelopment area
No.5 (Chapel Road) 1961	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Demolished by owners. Tenants rehoused by Council
No.6 (Longfield) 1962	49	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In redevelopment area
No.7 (Rainsough Brow) 1963	4	-	Yes	Yes	-	Dealt with by agreement with owners
No.8 (Rectory Lane & Bowman Street) 1964	29	Yes	No	No	Yes	Tenants rehoused by Council
No.9 (Sharp Street) 1963	-	Withdrawn	-	-	-	4 houses now included in No.15 (Chapel St.) Clearance Area
No.10 (Chester Street) 1963	7	Yes	No	No	Yes	
No.11 (Ramsbottom Row) 1963	9	Yes	No	No	Yes	
No.12 (Flashfield) 1965	4	Yes	Yes	No	No	Awaiting confirmation by Minister
No.13 (Simister Lane) 1965	3	Not yet	No	No	Yes	
No.14 (Simister Lane) 1965	9	Not yet	No	No	Yes	
No.15 (Chapel Street) 1966	32	Not yet	No	No		
No.16 (Sherbourne Street) 1966	42	Not yet		No		
No.17 (Derby Street) 1966	14	Not yet	No	No		
Total	299					



# CURRENT CLEARANCE AREA PROGRAMME

Clearance Area No.18	<u>NEWTOWN STREET</u> 6-22 Newtown Street	Total .. 9 dwellinghouses
Clearance Area No.19	<u>CHURCH LANE</u> 13-33 Church Lane	Total .. 12 dwellinghouses
Clearance Area No.20	<u>GREENGATE LANE</u> 7-13 Greengate Lane	Total .. 4 dwellinghouses
Clearance Area No.21	<u>CHESTER STREET,</u> <u>CLIFTON ROAD,</u> <u>EDWARD STREET &amp;</u> <u>JAMES STREET</u> 11-19 Chester Street 21 Chester Street 23-37 Chester Street 10-16 Clifton Road 18-38 Clifton Road 2-24 Edward Street 2-10 James Street 1 & 3 James Street	5 dwellinghouses 1 dwellinghouse & shop 8 dwellinghouses 4 dwellinghouses 11 dwellinghouses 12 dwellinghouses 5 dwellinghouses 2 dwellinghouses  Total .. 47 dwellinghouses 1 dwellinghouse & shop
Clearance Area No.22	<u>CLIFTON ROAD</u> 7,9,11 & 13 Clifton Road	Total .. 4 dwellinghouses
Clearance Area No.23	<u>DICKINSON TERRACE,</u> <u>GREENHILL AND</u> <u>RECTORY LANE</u> 1-4 Dickinson Terr. 4-12 Greenhill 3-9 Greenhill 11-13 Greenhill 18-24 Rectory Lane 26-34 Rectory Lane	4 dwellinghouses 5 dwellinghouses 4 dwellinghouses 2 dwellinghouses 4 dwellinghouses 5 dwellinghouses  Total .. 24 dwellinghouses
Clearance Area No.24	<u>BLACKBURN STREET</u> 15-25 Blackburn St.	Total .. 6 dwellinghouses

## 2. Individual unfit houses

It is still noticeable that owing to the high cost of repairs, owners and agents are very reluctant to carry out many of the essential housing repairs required to keep properties in a reasonable state of fitness, apart from the more minor and urgent matters such as burst water service pipes, obstructed drainage systems, defective flushing cisterns, leaking roofs, defective rainwater pipes and leaking eavesguttering. Consequently the older type terraced properties continue to present quite a problem. General rising and penetrating dampness, damp and defective floors, defective and perished wallplaster, rotted window and door frames, are becoming much more prevalent and these are costly items to remedy. With some houses only closing or demolition order procedure is the answer but then rehousing only puts a greater burden on the Housing Committee who, in most cases, agree to rehouse the occupants from property subject to such orders. In the majority of cases, however, action is taken under



the Public Health and Housing Acts to enforce repair work and prevent property becoming so unfit as to warrant more drastic action.

Since 1956 the following houses have been dealt with by closing or demolition order procedure:-

(a) <u>Demolition orders:</u>	
9 Sharp Street	
"Silverdale", Hilton Lane	
117 St. Ann's Road	
2 Shelley Road	
279 Bury Old Road	
Lodge, Drinkwater Park	Total number of houses - 6
(b) <u>Closing orders:</u>	
13, 15, 17 & 19 Church Lane	"Elderslie", Bury New Road
12 Greenhill	(2nd floor rooms only)
23 Warwick Street	139 Simister Lane
8 Ramsbottom Row	60 Simister Lane
2 Sharp Street	25 Warwick Street
9 Greenhill	4 Chapel Road
2 Roll Row	29 Chester Street
8 Derby Street	31 Chester Street
	37 Chester Street
	8 Sherbourne Street
	Total number of houses - 20 (including one part closed)

### 3. Housing statistics 1965

(1) <u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year</u>	
1(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	... 362
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	... 962
2. Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit	
(a) number found during year	... 4
(b) number (or estimated number) at end of year (clearance areas)	... 201
3. Number of dwellinghouses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	... 139

(2) <u>Houses demolished</u>		<u>No. of</u>	
	<u>Demolished</u>	<u>persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
(a) <u>In clearance areas</u>		<u>displaced</u>	
Houses unfit for human habitation	77	183	81
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil		
Houses on land acquired under s.43(2) Housing Act 1957	9		



		<u>Demolished</u>	<u>No. of persons displaced</u>	<u>Families</u>
(b) <u>Not in clearance areas</u>				
As a result of formal or informal procedure under s.17(1) Housing Act 1957				
Local authority owned houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health		Nil	Nil	Nil
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Act 1957		Nil	Nil	Nil
Unfit houses included in unfitness orders		Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) <u>Unfit houses closed</u>				
Under ss.16(4), 17(1), 35(1) of Housing Act 1957		2	6	2
Under ss.17(3) and 26 of Housing Act 1957		-	-	-
Parts of buildings closed under s.18 Housing Act 1957		-	-	-
(4) <u>Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied</u>				
		<u>By owner</u>	<u>By local authority</u>	
After informal action by local authority		63	-	
After formal notice under				
(a) Public Health Acts		3	Nil	
(b) Ss.9 & 16 Housing Act 1957		Nil	Nil	
(c) Under s.24 Housing Act 1957		-	-	
(5) <u>Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957)</u>				
Nil				
(6) <u>Purchase of houses by agreement</u>				
Nil				
(7) <u>Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.</u>				
One scheme submitted in 1964 was completed during the year.				
(8) <u>House Purchase and Housing Act 1959 and Housing Acts 1961 &amp; 1964 Standard grants</u>				
		<u>No. of dwellings or other buildings affected</u>		
<u>Action during year:</u>		<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	
Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard ....		32	30	
Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard ...		Nil	Nil	
Total applications approved by local authority ..		32	23	
Work completed		26	14	
Action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings .....		Nil	Nil	



## STANDARD AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

All applications for both standard and improvement grants are dealt with through the Borough Engineer but are not proceeded with until a certificate of fitness is issued by the Chief Public Health Inspector. In the case of a standard grant the certificate states whether or not, after the proposed works have been completed, the house would be fit or likely to remain fit for 15 years. For an improvement grant this period is extended to cover 30 years' life of the property. The majority of applications have satisfied these requirements but there have been a few cases where there has been considerable dampness and disrepair which has prevented the applicant from obtaining a grant until the property has been rendered fit for human habitation for the required period of time. This co-operation between departments works very well and is also a check against grants being issued in connection with houses which may be closed as unfit or likely to be included in clearance areas or redevelopment schemes.

## OVERCROWDING

Several investigations were made into alleged moral overcrowding and lack of bedroom accommodation at the request of the Housing Department. In a few cases moral overcrowding due to insufficient bedroom accommodation was found, but there were no cases of legal overcrowding.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. DETAILS OF NOTICES SERVED.

S.93 - Housing defects	... 11
S.93 - Accumulations of rubbish	... 7
S.93 - *Accumulation of noxious and offensive waste matters	... 1
S.93 - Emission of sawdust - sawdust extractor plant	... 1
S.39 - Defective drainage	... 6
S.39 - Defective sanitary appliances	.. 2
S.45 - Defective waste water closets	.. 3
S.75 - Provision of dustbins	... 2

\*This was a case of indiscriminate tipping of large quantities of industrial waste on farm land. Following failure to comply with the notice, proceedings were taken in the magistrates' court when the farmer concerned was ordered to cover over with at least 18" of earth all waste matters deposited. A fine of £5 with 10 gns. costs was also imposed.

In respect of 5 of the above notices, work was carried out in default of the owners concerned, at a cost of £45.4s.2d.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1961. DETAILS OF NOTICES SERVED.

S.15 - Maintenance of public sewers. Notices served in respect of 16 public sewers.	
S.17*- Stopped up drains.	3 notices.
S.18*- Defective drainage.	1 notice.
S.26 - Defective premises.	1 notice

\*In respect of notices under ss.17 and 18 all the work was carried out in default of the owners concerned at a cost of £46.5s.6d.

## RENT ACT, 1957

During the year two applications were received for certificates of disrepair, bringing the total number of applications received since the implementation of the Rent Act to 143. Two undertakings were received and accepted in respect of these applications.

## LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, 1962. NON-PROVISION OF RENT BOOK.

A successful prosecution was taken against the owner of premises in Prestwich for failure to provide a rent book or other similar document contrary to ss.1 and 4 of this Act, and a fine was imposed.



## SECTION F. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

During the last two years particular attention has been paid to food hygiene and a full scale effort has been made to bring all food premises up to the required standards. I am pleased to report that all food premises in the Borough have now been inspected. This has necessitated visits to some 250 food premises. Contraventions have been brought to the attention of the persons concerned, and follow-up visits have and are being made to ensure that all requirements are being complied with. Altogether 286 notices have been served, details of which are as follows:-

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>No. of cases found</u>	<u>No. of cases complied with</u>
Provision of wash hand basin	112	64
Provision of sink	13	11
Premises requiring cleansing and decorating	162	90
Miscellaneous - e.g., wash hand notices, first aid kits, etc.	242	126

In last year's report reference was made to a successful prosecution in respect of the non-provision of a wash hand basin in a food shop. Despite the decision of the court, the person concerned did not take any steps to provide these washing facilities and it was again necessary for the authority to take legal proceedings. This time a further fine of £2 was imposed for failure to provide the wash hand basin in accordance with the Food Hygiene(General)Regulations, 1960, and the defendant was ordered to pay £3.3s. advocate's fee. I would add that the wash hand basin has now been satisfactorily installed.

A prosecution was also taken against the proprietor of a food shop in respect of contraventions under the Food Hygiene(General)Regulations, 1960, and a fine of £5 on each of 11 summonses was imposed together with costs of 10 gns.

Two cases of selling mouldy foodstuffs and one case involving a dirty bottle of milk were dealt with by the department as detailed hereunder:-

<u>Type of food</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Dirty bottle of milk	Retailer informed
Mouldy sausages	Proceedings taken. Fined £10.
Mouldy chocolate sponge bar	Proceedings taken. Fined £5.

During the year several cases of foreign bodies in food were referred to the Lancashire County Council, being the Food and Drug Authority. These included a metal nut in an eccles cake, a type of spring in a piece of genoa cake, and a complaint about a tin of rhubarb.

### HAWKERS

Altogether 10 registrations were granted during the year under the Lancashire County Council(General Powers)Act, 1951, and these included 3 ice cream vehicles, 1 mobile butcher's shop and 6 mobile vehicles selling greengrocery, fish and other foods. Strict attention was paid to the condition of these vehicles and the provision of proper washing facilities etc. before the registrations were granted. There are now 43 registered hawkers in the district.

At the time of writing the Food Hygiene(Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966, have been issued to come into operation on 1st January, 1967, which will give stricter powers in respect of food hygiene in all mobile shops and delivery vehicles etc. and will enable the authority to require water supply and washing facilities in all such vehicles, amongst other important provisions.



## CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH

General grocers and provision dealers	....	85
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	...	25
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	...	11
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	....	35
Bakers and/or confectioners	....	20
Fried fish shops	...	9
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc.	...	43
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	....	54
Others, comprising 1 pork factory, 1 dairy, 43 food vehicles (hawkers)	...	45
		<u>327</u>

During the year under review a prosecution was taken against a hawker of food and he was fined a total of 10 gns. plus 5 gns. costs on seven summonses under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, and under the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, for hawking in the district whilst not being registered as a hawker with this authority.

## REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREMISES

<u>Type of business</u>	<u>Legislation under which registration effected</u>	<u>No. regd. at 31.12.65</u>	<u>No. of inspections of regd. premises during year</u>
<u>Preparation or manufacture of preserved food etc:</u>			
Butchers	Lancs. County Council (Rivers Board & General Powers) Act 1938	11	}
Butchers	Food & Drugs Act 1955	4	
Grocery & provisions		2	
<u>Sale and manufacture of ice cream:</u>			
Cafe & snack bar	Lancs. County Council	1	}
Grocery & provisions	(Rivers Board & General Powers) Act, 1938	1	
<u>Sale of ice cream:</u>			
Sweets and/or tobacco	do.	25	}
Cafes etc.		2	
Grocery & provisions		21	
Confectioners		1	
Greengrocers		1	
Sweets and/or tobacco	Food & Drugs Act, 1955	13	
Grocery & provisions		18	
Confectioners		3	
Cafes, etc.		1	
			227

During the year three shops were registered for the sale of ice cream.

## MEAT SUPPLY

There are no registered slaughterhouses in the district. There is one attached to Prestwich Hospital which is used on occasions. Two slaughtermen's licences were renewed during the year. Butchers obtain their meat from Bury or Manchester abattoirs.

## MILK SUPPLY

All milk supplies in the Borough have been regularly sampled by the County Council officers during the year under review. In all 76 samples of milk were obtained from sources of supply which serve the Borough and of these only one failed to satisfy the prescribed tests.



From 1st January, 1954, no raw milk other than tuberculin tested may be sold within the Borough as Prestwich is included in the Milk (Special Designations)(Specified Areas)(No.3) Order 1953, which allows only milk designated "pasteurised", "sterilised" or "tuberculin tested" to be retailed in the Borough.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960, which came into operation on 1st October, 1960, the issuing of milk dealers' licences was transferred to the Food and Drugs Authority for the area in which is situated the premises at or from which the milk is sold. In consequence the issuing of milk licences is now undertaken by the Lancashire County Council.

#### ICE CREAM

Two samples of loose ice cream were obtained from manufacturers and retailers within the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination, and were reported on as satisfactory, being placed in Provisional Grades 1 and 2 respectively.

#### ADULTERATION, ETC.

##### Sampling under Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The Lancashire County Council administered the above, and I am indebted to Dr. S.C. Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following particulars of samples taken within the district in 1965. A total of 148 samples was obtained consisting of 76 samples of milk (11 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 72 others comprising -

1 breakfast food	1 Lobak tablets
1 custard powder	1 castor oil
4 flour confectionery	3 fresh fruit
1 fruit dried (sultanas)	1 caraway seeds
1 Golden raising powder	2 barley
1 liquid paraffin	2 fish canned
1 oatmeal	1 chocolate sponge mixture
1 lemon curd	1 mushroom & barley soup mixture
3 margarine	1 cream, fresh
1 ginger pudding	1 stomach mixture
2 pork sausage	1 Paracetamol tablets B.P.
1 fruit fresh (tangerines)	1 peanut spread
1 " " (apples)	1 cream cheese
1 " " (pears)	1 rice, chicken flavoured (carton)
1 chip straws	1 blackcurrant health drink with Vit.C
1 potato crisps	1 cornflour
1 Eccles cake	1 pickles
2 self raising flour	2 cheese
1 lemon cheese	1 cut mixed peel
2 meat canned	2 arrowroot
1 sago	2 borax
1 gravy browning	2 cod liver oil
1 mustard liquid	2 saccharin tablets
1 table jelly compound	1 bacon
1 mixed spice	1 milk condensed, full cream
2 fish paste	2 dried fruit
1 Distiquaine V-K suspension	

These samples were analysed by the County Analyst and shown over-leaf/ is a list giving details of samples which were found to be adulterated or otherwise giving rise to irregularity.



<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
1 Golden raising powder	carbon dioxide only 5.5% (minimum is 6%)	Manufacturer cautioned
1 Eccles cake	contained a galvanised iron hexagonal nut	Bakery interviewed and cautioned and complainant informed
1 flour confectionery	contained a coiled seed pod of a legume	Bakery communicated with and complainant informed
1 gravy browning	bottle not labelled "food colour" as required by 1957 Regulations	Manufacturer informed
1 flour confectionery	contained a dead beetle known as the "Confused Flour Beetle"	Complainant informed and bakery cautioned
1 informal milk (Channel Islands milk)	fat content 3.8% - deficient 5.0% fat	Dairy cautioned and further sample obtained
1 borax	contained 40 parts per million of arsenic, i.e., 36 parts per million in excess of the maximum B.B.limit. Should have been labelled "Household borax" and "not for internal use".	Vendor communicated with

#### CONDEMNED FOOD 1965

##### Miscellaneous foodstuffs

	<u>No. of tins, packets, jars, etc.</u>
Asparagus	1
Beans	2
Broccoli	4
Peas	109
Peas and carrots	9
Potato chips	6
Potato croquettes	6
Spinach	10
Sprouts	4
Sweet corn	3
Mixed vegetables	2
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Quarter chickens	2
Beefburgers	12
Pork sausages	5
Sausage rolls	5
*****	
Ice cream	51
Lollipops	36
*****	

The above mentioned were all items of frozen foodstuffs rendered unfit for sale owing to breakdown of refrigeration units.

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	<u>No. of cases</u>	<u>Weight in lbs.</u>
Pears (1 consignment)	32	1280
	<u>Cooked meats</u>	<u>Weight in lbs.</u>
Corned beef	3	18
Cooked ham	2	24
Jellied veal	1	6

The foregoing foodstuffs were all surrendered voluntarily to the department by the local dealers concerned.



## SECTION G. GENERAL

### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the district used for the manufacture of rag flock or other filling materials. Registrations are in force for three premises where filling materials are used.

### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There are three licensed pet shops in Prestwich. Inspections were made to ensure that the premises and accommodation provided for the animals complied with the Act.

### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

During the year an application was received from the proprietor of a pet shop for a licence for the boarding of cats under the provisions of this Act. The proposed premises were found to be quite satisfactory and a licence was therefore granted authorising the boarding of not more than six cats.

### SHOPS ACT, 1950

Routine visits were made to shops within the Borough in connection with the various requirements of the Act, especially in regard to closing hours and half day closing.

There are 38 Jewish traders registered under s.53 of the Act who, because of their religion, do not trade on the Jewish Sabbath but are allowed to trade on Sundays until 2 p.m. Four new registrations were granted during the year.

On 5th August, 1965, the Shops (Early Closing Days) Act, 1965, came into operation. The main object of this Act is to enable shopkeepers to choose their own early closing day hitherto known as the weekly half holiday. The power of local authorities to make orders fixing the day is abolished and existing early closing day orders ceased to have effect on 5th November, 1965. In Prestwich this affected one order made under the Shops Act, 1950, affecting the following classes of businesses -

grocery and provisions; greengrocery and fish; fruit, flowers and meat; ironmongers and crockery; drapery, hosiery and fents; sports and portmanteaux and harness.

The occupier of the shop is now required to keep conspicuously displayed, so as to be visible from outside the shop at an entrance used by its customers, a notice specifying the chosen day. The chosen day cannot be varied more frequently than once every three months.

### HAIRDRESSING ESTABLISHMENTS

The Hairdressers and Barbers Byelaws made under s.77 of the Public Health Act, 1961, came into operation on 1st January, 1964. There are approximately 50 such businesses in Prestwich, the majority being ladies' hairdressers. These establishments have all been inspected to ensure they are maintaining the standards required by the byelaws, with particular reference to the provision of suitable equipment for sterilising instruments, washing facilities and cleanliness.

### PETROLEUM(CONSOLIDATION)ACT, 1928. Storage of petroleum and petroleum spirit.

This local authority has adopted the Home Office Model Code of Principles of construction, and licensing conditions for the keeping of petroleum spirit under the Act. The conditions laid down are mainly to minimise the risk of fire. All new installations are inspected and have to comply with the Model Code before a licence is issued. All new storage tanks for petroleum spirit are pressure tested at 10 lbs. per sq.in. and must hold this pressure



to be passed as satisfactory.

During the year a number of new tanks have been installed at various petrol filling stations to cope with the increased demand for petrol.

Annual licences were granted to 22 firms for the keeping of petroleum to which the Petroleum Acts apply, and to five firms for cellulose solution.

#### GAME ACT, 1831

Two licences to deal in game were granted by the Council.

#### HACKNEY CARRIAGES

There are three licensed hackney carriages plying for hire in the district and three hackney carriage drivers' licences have been issued.

#### RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

During the year an application was made for a licence under the above Act. The veterinary surgeon who is the Council's authorised inspector under this Act, inspected the premises and found that they were quite satisfactory and that all statutory requirements were being complied with. A licence was therefore granted.

#### BYELAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

	<u>Dated</u>
Removal of Offensive Matter Byelaws	1st August 1947
Nuisance Byelaws	1st August 1947
Offensive Trades Byelaws	1st October 1947
Good Rule and Government Byelaws	1st April 1948
Hackney Carriage Byelaws	1st January 1949 amended 1st June 1959
Prohibiting the Sale of Contraceptives in Slot Machines	25th January 1950
Sale of Clean Food	30th May 1950
*Building Byelaws	15th June 1953
Buildings - Clean Air Act 1956	1st September 1958
Good Rule and Government Byelaws:	
Noisy conduct at night and Parking on grass verges	December 1957
Deposit of Litter	May 1956
*Building Byelaws - Thermal Insulation	2nd August 1960
Hairdressers and Barbers	16th September 1963
*Byelaws repealed by Building Regulations 1965 so far as they refer to buildings.	



OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Class of premises				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
(a) No. of registered premises at end of year	67	203	12	28	3
(b) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	20	44	1	3	None
(c) No. of exemptions current at end of year	None	None	None	None	None
Space (s.5(2))	None	None	None	None	None
Temperature (s.6)	None	None	None	None	None
Sanitary conveniences (s.9)	None	None	None	None	None
Washing facilities (s.10)	None	None	None	None	None
(d) No. of visits of all kinds by inspector to registered premises	- 160				
(e) Details of prosecutions during the year (see below)	- 1				

Number of persons employed:

Offices	271
Retail shops	580
Wholesale shops, warehouses	41
Catering establishments, canteens	178
Fuel storage depots	7
	<u>1077</u> (422 males, 655 females)

Number of contraventions and matters requiring attention found during inspections made under the above Act during the year: 269

Again in 1965 particular attention was paid to the implementation of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963, and 160 visits were made to registered premises, one of which led to the successful prosecution of a local firm of solicitors for not complying with several of the Act's requirements.

A summary of contraventions etc. and comments on the various aspects of the Act are as follows:-

	No. found
WALLS, CEILINGS, ETC. Cleansing/redecoration	32
Ceiling defective	1
FLOORS. Worn floor covering	6
Absence of floor covering	4
Worn and defective floors	3
Obstructed floors	3
Dirty floors	1
ROOMS. Dirty condition	2
STAIRCASES AND LANDINGS. Hand rails not provided	4
Not properly fenced	1
Balustrades required	2
Stair carpet not secure	1
HEATING. Lack of effective provision for heating	10
Absence of thermometer	22
VENTILATION. Lack of adequate ventilation	15
WASHING FACILITIES. Absence of hot water supply	7
Defective sinks	3
Lack of washing accommodation	6



<b>MEALS ON PREMISES.</b>	
Lack of suitable and sufficient facilities	6
<b>HOT WATER.</b>	
No running hot water - shop sink	1
<b>FOOD PREPARING ROOMS.</b>	
Broken wall tiles	1
Lack of suitable covers - waste food containers	1
Waste food bins required	1
<b>CANTEENS.</b>	
Absence of wash hand basins	2
Sink requiring renewal	1
<b>STERILISATION OF EQUIPMENT.</b>	
Suitable steriliser required - ladies' hairdresser	1
<b>DANGEROUS MACHINERY.</b>	
Bacon slicing machine not securely guarded	1
Delux agitator - machine could not be switched on with guard in position	1
Berkel bacon slicer not securely guarded	1
Horizontal slicing machine not securely guarded	1
<b>LOCKER ACCOMMODATION.</b>	
Lack of locker accommodation and/or accommodation for clothing	13
<b>SEATS.</b>	
Absence of seats - non sedentary workers	4
<b>LIGHTING.</b>	
Inadequate	32
<b>FIRST AID.</b>	
First aid boxes required	18
<b>SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.</b>	
Defective walls and ceilings	1
Floor covering required	1
Broken seat to w.c.	1
Lack of accessible w.cs.	5
Absence of artificial lighting - w.cs.	3
Additional sanitary accommodation required	1
No proper chain - flushing cistern	1
Excessive dampness	1
Cracked and insanitary w.c. pedestals	3
W.cs. Sexes not defined	2
W.c. compartments - cleansing and redecoration required	3
Missing grid - urinal channel	1
Flushing cistern out of order	2
Missing wall tiles - w.c.	1
No plugs to wash basins	1
<b>YARDS.</b>	
Worn and broken concrete floors	2
Broken step	1
Accumulations of rubbish	5
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>	
Window panes missing/broken	2
Defective and/or rotted woodwork to windows etc.	5
Provision of suitable drinking vessels	1
<b>THE INFORMATION OF EMPLOYEES REGULATIONS 1965.</b>	
Premises where no abstract of Act, OSR 9 or booklet OSR 9B displayed or provided	18

52 informal notices were issued in respect of these contraventions etc. and follow-up visits will be made to ensure compliance.

#### General comments

Cleanliness: Nearly half of the 68 premises inspected required some form of cleansing or redecoration. Occupiers do not pay sufficient attention to this basic requirement.



Temperature: It was necessary to ask for the provision of thermometers in 30% of the premises visited and to require more effective heating in 14% of the premises inspected.

Washing facilities: Generally this was found to be satisfactory with the absence of hot water in only 7 cases and complete lack of washing facilities in 6.

Drinking water: This presented no problems.

Accommodation for clothing: In most of the smaller offices and shops no proper means were provided for accommodating outdoor clothes or for drying wet clothing.

Seating: In only 4 out of 68 cases was the provision of seats required.

Facilities for eating: In 6 cases these facilities were not provided and in 1 instance an assistant was eating her dinner on the shop counter whilst serving a customer.

Floors, passages and stairs: Handrails were required in 4 cases and a staircase opening required to be properly fenced in 1 case. Generally there were no problems of the premises inspected so far.

Dangerous machinery: 4 cases are summarised on the list of contraventions, 2 of which concerned bacon slicing machines. I have since come across a vertical slicing machine in a butcher's shop for cutting bones. The blade was unprotected and safety measures asked for in this case.

Lighting: In 32 cases lighting was considered inadequate and the persons concerned requested to improve the standard of lighting in their particular premises.

First aid: It was surprising how many occupiers had not provided suitable equipment.

General: On the whole we have found the Act to be extremely good in enabling this authority to improve standards of premises coming under the provisions of this Act. Generally we have found co-operation with owners and occupiers who have been willing and ready to comply with all our requirements.

Detailed information was also required on lighting and special readings were taken with a light meter during the month of November, and a special report has been sent to the Minister of Labour.

Generally it was found that natural lighting was good but artificial lighting standards could in the majority of cases be improved. Staircases were found to be badly lighted, also corridors and wash places. General redecoration would in many cases considerably improve the lighting. Store-rooms and stockrooms were found to be inadequately lighted. Improvement in lighting has been advised in all cases where the store has been below 15 lumens per sq.ft. Instances of glare have been noted, mainly due to unshaded bulbs and bad positioning of the light. A large store was found to be lighted partly by means of tungsten filament bulbs and partly by fluorescent tube lighting. The owners have been advised to instal fluorescent lighting throughout the store in view of the poor standard noted with the tungsten filament bulbs.



APPENDIX  
FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT  
OF THE YEAR 1965 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH IN THE COUNTY  
OF LANCASTER

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

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

Premises (1)	No. on register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which ss.1,2, 3,4,6 are to be enforced by local authorities	2	2	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which s.7 is enforced by the local authority	56	44	21	1
3. Other premises in which s.7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	58	46	21	1

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars (1)	No. cases in which defects found				No. of cases where prose- cutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness s.1	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding s.2	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature s.3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventila- tion s.4	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors s.6	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences s.7					
(a) insufficient	2	1	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	15	10	-	5	1
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	20	14	-	5	1



Over the past two years all of the 58 registered factories in the Borough have been inspected. It was found necessary to take legal proceedings in one case where the sanitary convenience was found to be in a most unsatisfactory condition. The firm concerned were found guilty of two offences under the Factories Act, 1961, and were fined £3 with 2 gns. costs.

#### OUTWORK - Ss.110 and 111.

No factories in Prestwich employ outworkers.

Number of Inspections conducted	No. of Premises registered	No. of Inspections conducted	No. of Premises registered
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