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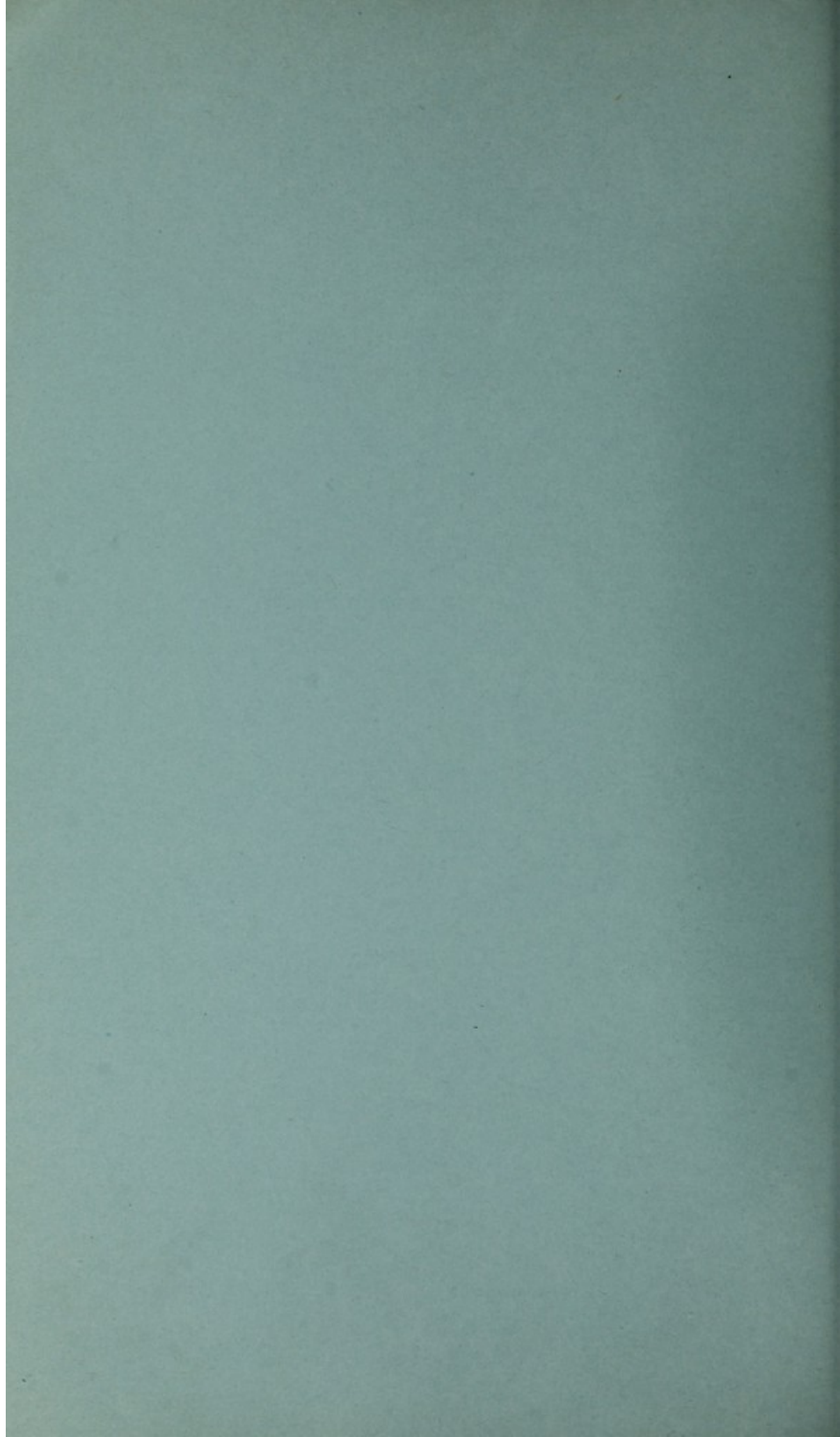
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AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1969

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BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH

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SECTION A. STATISTICS AND  
STATISTICAL SUMMARY  
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 1969 on the health and environmental conditions of the district.

Members are invited to compare the report for 1968 with the year under review. From this it will be seen that the number of births and the birth rate is less than in 1968 and in addition the total number of deaths and the death rate has increased in 1969 as compared with the previous year. These two factors combine to give a slightly reduced total population in the Borough as a whole.

Another factor which has a bearing on the total population is the fact that the number of patients resident in Prestwich Hospital have again been reduced during 1969. This tendency to run down the large mental hospital will continue for some time to come so that this, combined with the present trend to lower birth rates and higher death rates, will result in a decrease in the general population.

Once again the major causes of death such as heart and circulatory diseases have shown an increase over the previous year whereas the deaths from malignant neoplasms were slightly reduced as were deaths from pneumonia and bronchitis. These three groups of diseases are the major causes of deaths in a middle aged society and show to a degree a record of our way of life in that many of the malignant neoplasms are due to accepted social habits such as smoking, which also has a bearing on the number of deaths from heart disease.

Due in the main to the gradual ageing of patients who have been in Prestwich Hospital for many years there was again an increase in the number of deaths occurring in that establishment during 1969.

You will note that the infant deaths under one year were due, in the main, to prematurity and half occurred in the first 24 hours.

With regard to infectious diseases it will be noted that there was a reduction in the number of measles and this could be even further reduced if children who are susceptible were protected against this disease by being immunised. The result of this would be twofold - (1) to protect children against possible contraction of this disease, and (2) to reduce the work-load on the poor old general practitioner.

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the members of the Committee, officers and staff for their valued support and co-operation during the whole of the year and also in the preparation and layout of this report.

Yours sincerely,

T.S.JONES,

Medical Officer of Health.

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= 31,800

Mortality rates per 1,000 estimated population:

Total deaths (all forms) ..... 405 (387 in 1968)  
Crude - 12.05 (12.37 in 1968), adjusted 9.92 (9.85 in 1968)

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

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# SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area:	2,420 acres
Population:	Registrar-General's estimate of home population:
	Mid-1969 ... 33,060
	1961 census ... 34,191
Number of inhabited dwellings according to rate books at end of 1969:	11,047
	Comprising 10,798 dwellinghouses
	226 shops with living accommodation
	23 public houses
Rateable value 1969/70:	£1,158,669
Sum represented by a penny rate:	£4,540

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>Live births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Birth rate per 1000</u> <u>estimated home pop'n</u> <u>mid-1969:</u>	<u>Prest-</u> <u>wich</u>	<u>Comparable</u> <u>figures for</u> <u>England &amp;</u> <u>Wales</u>
Legitimate	375	184	191	Crude ....	12.4	16.3
Illegitimate	36	21	15	Adjusted ...	13.3	
<u>Stillbirths</u>				<u>Rate per 1000</u> <u>total births</u>		
Legitimate	7	5	2		17.0	13.0
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil			
<u>Deaths</u>	561	258	303	<u>Death rate per 1000</u> <u>estimated home pop'n</u> <u>mid-1969:</u>		
				Crude .....	17.0	11.9
				Adjusted ...	12.9	
<u>Heart and circulatory diseases</u>				<u>Death rate per 1000</u> <u>estimated home pop'n</u> <u>mid-1969:</u>	9.8	
<u>Malignant neoplasms etc.</u>				do.	2.75	
<u>Pneumonia and bronchitis</u>				do.	1.57	

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 33,060 less Prestwich Hospital residents (1,960 approx.)	
	= 31,100
Mortality rates per 1,000 estimated population:	
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## COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

1899 - 1969

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated population</u>	<u>Birth rate</u>	<u>Death rate</u>	<u>Rate of deaths of infants under 1 year per 1000 live births</u>
1899	11,085	18.8	14.9	138.7
1900	11,500	20.5	12.9	84.7
1908	11,500	21.5	13.3	72.5
1910	12,500	20.8	10.4	89.2
1911	14,260	20.4	12.0	133.5
1912	14,680	21.3	11.9	73.7
1913	15,000	22.0	11.8	48.4
1914	15,400	19.2	11.6	63.3
1918	15,380	11.6	14.9	59.0
1919	15,330	13.4	14.4	60.0
1920	15,941	18.8	11.6	69.0
1924	19,450	13.7	8.3	37.0
1925	19,610	12.2	9.6	66.0
1926	20,520	11.9	8.7	48.0
1927	21,120	12.7	10.9	52.0
1928	21,670	12.3	9.1	48.0
1929	21,590	11.3	10.5	69.0
1932	24,940	11.0	9.9	65.0
1933	26,100	10.7	9.6	42.0
1934	27,180	11.7	9.7	62.0
1935	29,120	11.4	10.0	54.0
1936	30,500	12.7	10.6	33.0
1937	31,710	14.4	10.1	56.0
1938	32,410	12.4	9.7	42.0
1939	32,410	11.4	10.1	26.0
1940	33,760	12.0	11.0	14.0
1941	33,910	10.8	10.1	38.0
1942	33,270	12.0	11.6	34.0
1943	32,380	14.6	11.2	42.0
1944	32,340	15.7	12.1	37.0
1945	32,400	15.6	10.5	39.0
1946	34,130	15.9	10.7	34.0
1947	34,220	17.3	11.3	48.0
1948	34,760	14.3	9.8	40.0
1949	34,730	12.5	10.9	23.0
1950	34,730	14.1	10.6	38.0
1951	34,370	13.8	12.7	21.0
1952	34,090	13.5	10.5	19.0
1953	34,120	13.2	14.0	24.0
1954	33,830	13.1	13.0	10.0
1955	33,810	12.6	14.5	20.0
1956	33,750	13.0	12.5	19.0
1957	33,640	14.5	12.1	28.0
1958	33,550	14.7	12.1	18.3
1959	33,510	15.4	13.5	6.6
1960	33,390	15.1	13.2	17.9
1961	34,000	14.0	13.0	9.5
1962	34,162	15.5	13.0	17.0
1963	34,160	14.5	12.1	8.7
1964	34,010	15.1	11.3	18.8
1965	34,000	13.8	11.6	9.1
1966	33,710	13.9	11.7	13.7
1967	33,480	13.6	11.0	17.0
1968	33,310	13.7	12.5	14.0
1969	33,060	13.3	12.9	19.0

Prest- wich M.B.	Live births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal mortality		Under 1 year		Infant mortality			
	No. regd.	Rate per 1000 popn.	No. regd.	Rate per 1000 popn.	No. regd.	Rate per 1000 births	No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1000 total bths.	No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1000 live bths.	Neo-natal		Peri-natal	
											No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1000 live births	No. of still- births plus deaths of infants under 1 week of age	Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths
Year														
1969	411	12.4*	561	17.0*	7	17.0	Nil	Nil	8	19.0	5	12.0	11	26.0
1968	426	12.8*	532	16.0*	4	9.0	1	2.33	6	14.0	4	9.8	8	19.0
1967	424	12.7*	491	14.7*	7	16.0	Nil	Nil	7	17.0	7	17.0	14	32.0
1966	437	13.0*	548	16.3*	5	11.3	Nil	Nil	6	13.7	5	11.4	9	20.4
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
Average 5 years 1964- 1968		13.1		15.4		15.2		0.87		14.5		11.9		26.4
Compar- able figures England & Wales 1969		16.3		11.9		13.0		0.19		18.0		12.0		23.0

\*Adjusted (live birth rate comparability factor = 1.07 = 13.3 per 1000  
(death rate comparability factor = 0.76 = 12.9 per 1000)



# CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1969

Causes of death			Male	Female	Total
1. Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases			2	-	2
2. Tuberculosis of respiratory system			2	-	2
3. Other infective and parasitic diseases			2	1	3
4. Malignant neoplasm - buccal cavity etc.			1	1	2
5. " " oesophagus			2	-	2
6. " " stomach			8	5	13
7. " " intestine			2	7	9
8. " " lung, bronchus			20	3	23
9. " " breast			-	11	11
10. " " uterus			-	1	1
11. " " prostate			4	-	4
12. Leukaemia			1	3	4
13. Other malignant neoplasms			5	17	22
14. Benign and unspecified neoplasms			-	1	1
15. Diabetes mellitus			2	3	5
16. Other endocrine etc. diseases			1	1	2
17. Anaemias			2	4	6
18. Mental disorders			-	1	1
19. Other diseases of nervous system etc.			8	4	12
20. Chronic rheumatic heart disease			5	4	9
21. Hypertensive disease			4	15	19
22. Ischaemic heart disease			85	81	166
23. Other forms of heart disease			8	14	22
24. Cerebrovascular disease			26	53	79
25. Other diseases of circulatory system			8	20	28
26. Influenza			2	-	2
27. Pneumonia			7	16	23
28. Bronchitis and emphysema			22	7	29
29. Asthma			1	2	3
30. Other diseases of respiratory system			2	5	7
31. Peptic ulcer			3	-	3
32. Appendicitis			1	1	2
33. Intestinal obstruction and hernia			2	1	3
34. Other diseases of digestive system			1	4	5
35. Nephritis and nephrosis			2	-	2
36. Other diseases, genito-urinary system			-	2	2
37. Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue			-	1	1
38. Diseases of musculo-skeletal system			1	2	3
39. Congenital abnormalities			1	-	1
40. Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.			1	1	2
41. Other causes of peri-natal mortality			2	1	3
42. Motor vehicle accidents			3	4	7
43. All other accidents			6	5	11
44. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries			3	1	4
			258	303	561

The above table includes 156 deaths (68 males and 88 females) which occurred in Prestwich Hospital.

Age at death	Deaths at all ages	
	Males	Females
Under 4 weeks	3	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	3	-
1 -	1	1
5 -	1	-
15 -	5	2
25 -	1	2
35 -	6	3
45 -	19	16
55 -	60	47
65 -	84	80
75 and over	75	150
		258 303



### Causes of deaths of infants under one year

	<u>Male/Female</u>	<u>Age</u>
Prematurity		
28/52 gestation	Male	15 mins
Septicaemia		
Gastro enteritis		
Low birth weight	Male	2 months
Prematurity		
Atelectasis	Male	2 weeks
Respiratory distress syndrome		
Extreme prematurity	Female	14 hours
Acute bronchitis and broncho pneumonia	Male	5 months
Haemolytic disease of newborn		
Hydrops foetus	Female	1 hour
Prematurity	Male	6 hours
Respiratory failure		
Bronchiolitis with ventricular septal defect	Male	4 months

### 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
- 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, Manchester.

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

The infectious disease notifications for 1969 showed a considerable decrease on those for 1968 (88 against 150) and this was mainly due to a decrease in the number of notifications of measles, the comparable figure being 71 against 111.

There was a reduction in the number of scarlet fever notifications, being 1 against 3 for the previous year, and there were no notifications of whooping cough, the comparable figure being 6 in 1968.

There were six cases of respiratory tuberculosis notified during the year, three of which occurred in Prestwich Hospital. There was a total of 20 cases on the register at the end of the year, 1 of which was in Prestwich Hospital. This vast reduction in the number of cases is a result of the complete review of the tuberculosis register which was carried out towards the end of the year, when it was found that many cases could be deleted because of recoveries, deaths and removals from the district.

## Cases of infectious disease notified during 1969

Notifiable diseases	Total cases at all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & over	Total deaths
Scarlet fever	1					1							
Whooping cough	Nil												
Measles	71	5	9	5	16	12	21	2	1				
Dysentery	Nil												
Acute pneumonia primary and influenzal	Nil												
Typhoid fever	Nil												
Erysipelas	Nil												
Food poisoning	Nil												
Tuberculosis respiratory	6									2	4		2
others	Nil												
Puerperal pyrexia	Nil												
Infective hepatitis	10						2	1	3	3	1		1
TOTALS	88	5	9	5	16	13	23	3	4	5	5	Nil	3

## Vaccination and immunisation of children for the year 1969

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

### Primary - by year of birth

Children protected against	1969*	1968	1967	1966	1962-65	Others under 16	Total
Diphtheria	7	153	17	4	20	2	203
Whooping cough	7	153	17	4	14	Nil	195
Tetanus	7	153	17	4	20	4	205
Poliomyelitis	6	222	19	4	22	2	275
Measles	Nil	12	71	42	64	6	195



# Reinforcement - by year of birth

	1969*	1968	1967	1966	1962-65	Others under 16	Total
Diphtheria	Nil	6	213	42	375	17	653
Whooping cough	Nil	6	201	35	41	Nil	283
Tetanus	Nil	6	213	42	363	23	647
Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil	4	2	366	57	429
Measles	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## Vaccination against smallpox

Primary vaccinations (age in years)				Re-vaccinations (age in years)			
Under 2	2-5	5-15 (incl)	Total (under 16)	Under 2	2-5	5-15 (incl)	Total (under 16)
147	31	5	183	Nil	12	66	78

\*You will note that the figures shown for 1969 refer only to vaccinations of children born in that year.

Now that the end of clearance in Prestwich is in sight greater emphasis will be given to the improvement of the older but structurally sound houses leaving the basic standard amenities. A recent survey of the Boston Park area, where most of this type of property exists, has enabled the Council to declare one of the first "general improvement areas" in this region under the new Housing Act 1969. This will not only enable the houses to be improved internally by way of modernisation but the area itself will also be given a new look with environmental improvements such as pedestrian ways, car parking facilities, street lighting, tree planting and the like.

About 158 complaints were received during the year in connection with various public health and housing matters and close on 6,000 inspections and visits were made by the Inspectorial staff, an increase of 1,000 visits on 1968.

The Rodent Operator has carried out treatments for the eradication of rats and mice on 483 properties resulting in a total of 2,196 visits, apart from dealing with other pests, including cockroaches and wasps.

There were two changes of staff during the year. Mr. J. Kealy, District Public Health Inspector, left to take up a similar appointment with the Government of Bermuda, and Mr. E. Tonge, Senior Clerk, retired after completing over 30 years' service with this authority. Miss P. R. Downville, formerly with the London Borough of Havering, was appointed Senior Clerk.

I would like to express my thanks to Alderman Mrs. F. E. Dickinson, members of the Council and officers and all my staff for their continued help and co-operation. Mrs. Dickinson, who has now left the Council, was Chairman of the Health Committee for two years and at all times took a very keen interest in every aspect of the Committee's work.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

E. WHEELER,

Chief Public Health Inspector.





Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
PRESTWICH.

August 1970.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I have the honour to present to you in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health my 13th Annual Report on the work and environmental health carried out during 1969.

At the time of writing, the No.9(Simister)Smoke Control Order is now operative. The No.10(Heys Road)Order has been confirmed by the Ministry and will come into operation on 1st July 1971. By then well over 90% of land in the Borough will have been brought under smoke control, affecting over 62% of all properties in Prestwich. As progress continues so pollution falls and this has shown a considerable decrease within the last few years.

Since my last Annual Report a further 11 clearance areas have been represented covering 132 unfit houses, leaving only about 100 properties to be dealt with in nine areas under clearance procedure over the next few years.

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There were two changes of staff during the year; Mr.R.Feely, District Public Health Inspector, left to take up a similar appointment with the Government of Bermuda, and Mr.E.Tonge, Senior Clerk, retired after completing over 12 years' service with this authority. Miss P.A. Domville, formerly with the London Borough of Havering, was appointed Senior Clerk.

I would like to express my thanks to Alderman Mrs.V.B.Dickinson, members of the Council and officers and all my staff for their continued help and co-operation. Mrs.Dickinson, who has now left the Council, was Chairman of the Health Committee for two years and at all times took a very keen interest in every aspect of the Committee's work.

I am, Mr.Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

E.WHEELER,

Chief Public Health Inspector.



## SECTION D. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### WATER SUPPLIES

Most of Prestwich is supplied with water by Manchester Corporation Waterworks, the only exception being the Simister and Heywood Old Road areas which are supplied by the West Pennine Water Board.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

With the exception of the semi-rural area of Simister, which has its own small sewage works, practically all sewage from the district is conveyed through the Council's sewers to a modern sewage disposal plant off Buckley Lane. Pumping stations are provided in the low lying areas to boost the flow along the main sewerage system. The main works deal with about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  million gallons dry weather flow by sedimentation and filtration with humus tanks. Some effluent is re-circulated. In some parts of the town, owing to variation in levels, sewage flows into the Manchester sewers. There are now only 25 pail closets in use in the Borough where the sewer is not within reasonable distance of the premises. My records also show that there are only five waste water closets now in use.

Over the past few years a great deal of new development has taken place in Simister resulting in the small sewage works becoming overloaded. A new scheme is now going ahead to pump Simister to the main works. During the year the Simister Green and Rainsough housing estates, comprising approximately 50 dwellings, have been connected to the main sewer.

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 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 full scale controlled tipping in 1962 when the disposal works was demolished there have been practically no complaints about the tip, and the incidence of rodents, insects and other pests has shown a remarkable decrease.

2. Refuse collection. The Council's policy is to 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 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.

Due to the changes in the composition of refuse and its more bulky nature, compression type vehicles have proved most successful in this area; the collection fleet now consists of three Dennis Paxits and two Pakamatic vehicles which are all of the compression type. One Dennis side-loader is used as an extra vehicle when needed.

### 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.

Three part-time lavatory attendants are employed and since they took over from the retired full time attendant very few cases of vandalism have occurred.



# 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. 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. It was only necessary to serve five notices under s.75 of the Public Health Act 1936 during the year.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN 1969

(Figures in brackets denote re-visits)

Animal boarding establishments	1	-	Housing applications	20	(2)
Caravans	4	(1)	Insects, bees, wasps, etc.	24	(9)
Clean Air Act 1956 - Smoke control:			Noise abatement	13	(3)
Contraventions	23	(8)	Offices, Shops & Railway		
Chimney heights	1	(1)	Premises Act 1963	58	(67)
Surveys	1689	(9)	Pet Animals Act	6	(2)
Adaptations	636	(79)	Petroleum Acts	14	(23)
Atmospheric pollution	2	(1)	Public conveniences	37	(7)
Smoke observations	89	(8)	Public Health Acts:		
Delivery of letters	188	-	Septic tanks	1	(1)
Drains obstructed & defective	84	(95)	Infectious disease	37	(36)
Private sewers " "	18	(23)	Dirty conditions	13	(7)
Public " " "	46	(41)	Verminous	2	-
Explosives Act, keeping of fireworks	9	(1)	Offensive smells	38	(35)
Factories Act:			Keeping of animals	1	-
General inspections	8	(11)	Housing defects	95	(359)
Outworkers	2	-	Accumls. waste material	105	(101)
Food and Drugs Act 1955:			Defective drainage	111	(152)
Sampling - milk	25	(4)	" closets s.54	4	(2)
cream	10	-	" bins s.75	7	(10)
other foods	12	-	Disinfection T.B.etc.	-	(2)
Registrations - ice cream	-	-	Disinfestation, fleas, etc.	23	(9)
preserved food	-	-	Riding Establishment Act	1	-
Unsound food	30	(16)	Rodent control	93	(89)
Food poisoning	-	-	Schools	-	-
Food Hygiene Regs. 1960:			Shops Act 1950:		
Bakehouses	1	(4)	General inspections	5	-
Bakers & confectioners	15	(15)	Registration of Jewish		
Butchers	22	(19)	traders	-	-
Canteens	1	(6)	Tips	3	-
Clubs & licensed premises	14	(11)	Waste food boiling plants	-	-
Fishmongers	4	(17)	Water - Sampling	1	-
Grocers	60	(89)	Percolations	24	(36)
Greengrocers	23	(39)	Culvert & courses	4	(1)
Restaurants & snack bars	7	(20)	Miscellaneous	16	(2)
Sweets & tobacco etc.	14	(10)			
Fish & chip shops	5	(18)			
Food vehicles:					
New regulations	5	(2)	TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS	4,255	
Registration of hawkers	2	(1)	" " RE-VISITS	1,689	
Hairdressing establishments	6	(5)	" " VISITS 1969	5,944	
Housing Acts:			" " " 1968	4,992	
Defects s.9	4	-			
" s.16	-	(2)			
Demolition/closing orders	15	(29)			
Clearance areas	22	(37)			
Improvement areas - Survey	349	(86)			
Well maintained payments	-	-			
Overcrowding	3	-			
Multiple occupation	7	(7)			
Improvement/standard grants	43	(19)			
Certificates of disrepair	-	-			

## CLEAN AIR ACT 1956. SMOKE CONTROL.

The following table sets out the current position regarding the establishment of smoke control areas throughout the Borough.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Premises</u>
1	Butt Hill	1.9.58	21.0	120
2	Carr Clough	1.9.61	42.0	491
3	Kersal Close	1.11.60	1.2	15
4	Agecroft Road	1.11.62	80.0	515
5	Hilton Park	1.7.63	272.8	669
6A	Bent Hill	1.11.63	103.0	588
6B	Prestwich Park	1.11.63	177.0	766
7A	Church Drive	1.7.67	58.5	487
7B	Clifton Road	1.7.68	202.4	521
8	Prestwich Village	1.7.69	109.0	845
9	Simister	1.7.70	908.2	1305
10	Heys Road	1.7.71	53.7	1168
11A	Heaton Park General Improvement Area	1.7.72	10.0	279
10A	Polefield	1.7.72	53.3	449
11	Heaton Park	1.7.73	34.0	1256
12	Sedgley Park	1.7.74	154.4	1477
13	Park Road	1.7.75	139.5	1024
Totals			2420.0	11975

## FACTORY CHIMNEYS

There are now only seven factory chimneys in use within the Borough, four 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

### Winter pollution data 1961-69

#### Smoke - Town Hall

	61-2	62-3	63-4	64-5	65-6	66-7	67-8	68-9
Winter averages	469	367	253	331	193	170	203	170
Peak concentrations	4043	1829	1668	1805	1191	2712	1085	809
No. of days over 500 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	44	36	17	27	8	6	12	3

#### Butterstile Lane

Winter averages	376	392	247	268	160	146	171	117
Peak concentrations	4541	2725	1923	1277	1055	1746	956	398
No. of days over 500 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	33	37	26	25	6	7	10	Nil

#### Sulphur Dioxide - Town Hall

Winter averages	224	270	229	323	231	229	275	206
Peak concentrations	2294	1518	875	1912	1094	2297	1122	887
No. of days over 500 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	19	16	9	34	9	8	17	4

#### Butterstile Lane

Winter averages	388	421	271	335	214	207	234	157
Peak concentrations	3706	2146	1215	1914	1189	1696	1390	691
No. of days over 500 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	27	29	17	28	6	11	13	2

Measurements made daily at the Health Department, Town Hall, and the Manchester Corporation Waterworks pumphouse, Butterstile Lane, in micro-grammes per cubic metre.



## CONTROL OF INFESTATION

During the year the Rodent Operator successfully treated various nuisances arising on tips, 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 at Prestwich Hospital are dealt with by the Rodent Operator, and a charge is made in all cases.

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

There was one bug infestation during the year.

Wasp infestations were lower than in the previous year and 30 nests were successfully treated by spraying with carbon tetrachloride and DDT.

## DISINFECTION

Disinfection in cases of infectious disease 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 is an analysis of the various types of infestation.

	<u>Type of property</u>	
	<u>Non-agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
No. of properties in district	12,623	14
Total no. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	480	2
No. infested by rats	144	1
No. infested by mice	336	1

The Rodent Operator made 2,196 visits investigating and treating infestations compared with 2,038 visits in 1968. 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 in business premises or agricultural property.

## SEWER MAINTENANCE TREATMENTS

### (a) Prestwich town sewers

During the year a treatment was carried out on the town's sewers using Fluorakil 3 which is a proprietary brand of sodium fluoracetate. This is a direct poison which has proved outstandingly effective in previous sewer treatments. No test baiting was carried out but care was taken to ascertain the distribution and degree of infestation from previous records and to treat accordingly. A total of 306 manholes were poison baited.

### (b) Prestwich Hospital sewers

A similar treatment in 54 manholes was carried out on the sewers at Prestwich Hospital again using Fluorakil 3 as a direct poison.

## 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 four times a year.



## SECTION E. HOUSING.

### 1. HOUSING CONDITIONS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF OLDER PROPERTY.

The Housing Act 1969 enabled the Council to re-examine its policy on housing and to give more attention to improvement now that the end of the clearance programme is in sight.

Prestwich is a matured residential town of some 2,500 acres with a declining population of over 31,000. There are about 11,000 dwellings of which close on 2,000 are Council owned.

Since 1956 nearly 500 of the oldest properties have been dealt with by progressive clearance procedure and by 1974, when the town becomes completely smoke controlled, the demolition of about 200 or so unfit properties still remaining will practically see the end of the poorer type houses in the Borough. This leaves a number of properties built just prior to 1914 which, though structurally sound, lack one or more of the basic standard amenities.

The Council after considering a report on a survey of the Borough agreed to designate part of the Heaton Park area as a general improvement area and to encourage people in the rest of the district without the basic amenities to improve their properties. To this end they will consider grants of up to 50% for all improvement works together with certain repair grants. Loans will also be considered to cover the cost of any works of repair and improvement not covered by grants. The following table sets out the statistical information obtained from the housing survey carried out in the Heaton Park area.

Housing survey of Heaton Park area

Phase	Houses in area	Houses surveyed	<u>Standard amenities</u>		Unfit houses included in clearance areas
			Houses with all	Houses lacking one or more	
1	183	183	76	38	69
2	303	237	168	69	Nil
3	421	246	142	104	73

### 2. CLEARANCE OF UNFIT PROPERTIES.

Details of the areas and houses included in the revised clearance area proposals follow, also details of progress in dealing with unfit properties since 1955.

Revised clearance area proposals

1970-75

	<u>Houses in areas to be declared</u>	<u>No.</u>
1.	7-13 Greengate Lane	4
2.	18-38 Clifton Road )	30
	2-24 Edward Street )	
	2-10 James Street )	
	1-3 James Street )	
3.	1-12 South Row	12
4.	27-41 Rainsough Brow	8
5.	4-16 Chapel Road	7
6.	1-5 West Row	5
7.	2-26 Kersal Road	13
8.	21-33 Church Lane	8
9.	3-15 Bailey Street )	17
	1 & 3 Hampden Road )	
	1-13 Naseby Place )	
	2 Cromwell Road )	
10.	2, 3 & 4 Upper Wilton Street )	9
	1-6 Snowhill Terrace )	
11.	2-30 Bailey Street	15
12.	1-23 & 2-22 Wilton Street	23
		<u>151</u>

### Clearance area progress since 1955

<u>Clearance area</u>	<u>No.houses</u>	<u>Clearance area</u>	<u>No.houses</u>
No.1(Infant Street)1956	31	No.20(Wallis Street)1967	10
No.2(Whittaker Lane)1957	4	No.21(Poppythorn Lane)1967	8
No.3A(Newtown Street)1959	17	No.22(Barrow Street)1967	14
No.4(Clayton Street)1962	36	No.23(Greenhill)1968	9
No.5(Chapel Road)1961	9	No.24(Clifton Road)1969	4
No.6(Longfield)1962	49	No.25(Newtown Street)1969	9
No.7(Rainsough Brow)1963	4	No.26(Chester Street)1969	14
No.8(Rectory Lane & Bowman Street)1964	29	No.27(Blackburn Street)1969	6
No.9(Sharp Street)1963	Withdrawn	No.28(Ostrich Lane)1969	Withdrawn
No.10(Chester Street)1963	7	No.29(Ostrich Lane No.1)1969	19
No.11(Ramsbottom Row)1963	9	No.30(Ostrich Lane No.2)1969	8
*No.12(Flashfields)1965	4	No.31(Ogden Street & Park Street)1969	32
No.13(Simister Lane)1965	3	No.32(Greengate Lane)1970	4
No.14(Simister Lane)1965	9	No.33(Church Lane)1970	Withdrawn
No.15(Chapel Street)1966	31	No.34(Church Lane - Even numbers) 1970	3
No.16(Sherbourne Street)1966	42	No.35(Bury Old Road)1970	2
No.17(Derby Street)1966	14	No.36(Church Lane)1970	7
No.18(Clifton Road)1967	4	No.37(Edward Street)1970	30
*No.19(Bent Lane)1967	4	No.38(Chester Street)1970	14

Total: 499 houses

\*All these areas, except those marked with an asterisk, have been dealt with by C.P.O. procedure.

### 3. INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

The following information relates to the closing or demolition of individually unfit houses since 1956.

#### (a) Demolition orders

Houses demolished up to December 1968	12
Houses demolished during 1969:	
Dudley House, Prestwich Park Road South	
25 Whittaker Lane	
27 Whittaker Lane	
6 Cuckoo Nest	
Ivy Glen, Hilton Lane	5
	<u>17</u>

#### (b) Closing orders

Houses closed up to December 1968	49
Houses closed during 1969:	
27 Ogden Street	
32 Ostrich Lane	
18 Newtown Street	
2 Edward Street	
20 Edward Street	
408 Bury Old Road	
22 Rectory Lane	
34 Rectory Lane	8
	<u>57</u>



#### 4. HOUSING STATISTICS 1969

##### (1) Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

1(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts )	...	491
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	...	445
2. Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit		
(a) Number found during year	...	9
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year (clearance areas)	...	151
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	...	263

##### (2) Houses demolished

	<u>Demolished</u>	<u>No. of persons displaced</u>	<u>Families</u>
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(a) <u>In clearance areas</u>			
Houses unfit for human habitation	72	56	20
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Houses on land acquired under s.43(2) Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) <u>Not in clearance areas</u>			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under s.17(1) Housing Act 1957 ..	5	3	3
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) Unfit houses closed

Under ss.16(4), 17(1), 35(1) of Housing Act 1957	18	24	8
Under ss.17(3) and 26 of Housing Act 1957	-	-	-
Parts of buildings closed under s.18 Housing Act 1957...	-	-	-

##### (4) Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

	<u>By owner</u>	<u>By local authority</u>
After informal action by local authority	28	Nil
After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	13	Nil
(b) Ss.9 & 16 Housing Act 1957	1	Nil
(c) Under s.24 Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil

##### (5) Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957)

Nil

##### (6) Purchase of houses by agreement

Nil

(7) Housing Act 1949 and Housing(Financial Provisions)Act 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.

Nil

(8) House Purchase and Housing Act 1959 and Housing Acts 1961, 1964 and 1969.

<u>Standard grants</u>	<u>No. of dwellings or other buildings affected</u>	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
<u>Action during year:</u>		
Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard	...	31 26
Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard	...	Nil Nil
Total applications approved by local authority	...	17 21
Work completed	...	13 15
Action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings	...	Nil Nil

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. DETAILS OF NOTICES SERVED

(a) <u>Informal notices</u>	<u>No.served</u>	<u>No.complied with</u>
<u>Public Health Acts 1936/61</u>		
Housing other defects	57	47
Housing unfit	202	32
Other than housing	81	42
Dustbins	4	3
<u>Food Hygiene Regulations</u>		
Provision of w.h.b.	5	4
Provision of sinks	1	-
Cleanliness	35	13
Miscellaneous	81	30
<u>Housing Acts</u>	4	-
<u>Factories Act 1961</u>		
s.1 Cleanliness	-	1
s.7 Sanitary conveniences		
(a) Insufficient	-	-
(b) Unsuitable	2	-
(c) Not separate	-	1
Other	-	1



<u>Offices, Shops &amp; Railway Premises</u>	<u>No.served</u>	<u>No.complied with</u>
<u>Act 1963</u>		
Cleanliness	20	-
Lighting	1	-
Ventilation	2	1
Sanitary conveniences	4	1
Washing facilities	3	-
Miscellaneous	27	9
Information	10	2
<u>Shops Act 1950</u>		
Miscellaneous	-	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>539</u></b>	<b><u>198</u></b>

(b) Statutory notices

<u>Public Health Act 1936</u>		
s.75	1	1
s.93	15	9
s.56	-	1
s.45	2	2
s.39	9	7
s.24	17	17
s.34	4	-
<u>Public Health Act 1961</u>		
s.15	-	-
s.17	16	18
s.18	-	-
s.26	2	2
<u>Housing Acts</u>		
s.16	-	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>66</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>

8. RENT ACT 1957

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair, the total number of applications received since the implementation of the Rent Act remaining at 145. One certificate of disrepair was revoked.

SECTION F. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Since the implementation of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966, every effort has been made to ensure that all hawkers and firms delivering foodstuffs within the Borough have maintained their vehicles to the standards required to secure full compliance with the Regulations. All vehicles have now been inspected and where necessary reinspected to ensure that the necessary standards are being maintained.

CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH

General grocers and provision dealers	...	66
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	B1	
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	...	6
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	...	32
Bakers and/or confectioners	...	15
Fried fish shops	...	12
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream etc.	...	43
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, and similar catering establishments	...	53
Others, comprising 22 food vehicles (hawkers) and 1 dairy	...	23
		<b><u>281</u></b>

## REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREMISES

Type of business	Legislation under which registration effected	No. regd. at 31.12.69	No. of inspections of regd. premises during year
<u>Sale, preparation or manufacture of preserved food, etc.</u>			
Butchers	Lancs. County Council (Rivers Board & General Powers) Act 1938. Food & Drugs Act 1955.)	18	20
<u>Sale and manufacture of ice cream</u>			
Cafes	-do-	2	4
<u>Sale of ice cream</u>			
Grocers and sugar confectionery shops	-do-	74	92
Hawkers of food	Lancs. County Council (General Powers) Act 1951	22	10

## MEAT SUPPLY

There are no registered slaughterhouses in the district.

## MILK SUPPLY

All milk supplies have been regularly sampled by the County Council's officers during the year. In all 64 samples of milk were obtained from sources of supply which served the Borough.

## SAMPLING

(1) Milk. 25 samples of milk have been taken by our own inspectors, the results of which are given below.

Designation	No. of samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Ungraded	8	8	Nil
Pasteurised	15	15	Nil
Sterilised	2	2	Nil

(2) Ice cream. Three samples of ice cream were obtained from manufacturers and retailers in the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination. They were reported on as follows: Provisional grade I - 1 sample, grade III - 1 sample, grade IV - 1 sample.

(3) Fresh cream. Ten samples of fresh cream were obtained from retailers in the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination. They were all reported on as satisfactory.

## ADULTERATION, ETC.

### Sampling under the Food and Drugs Act 1955

The Lancashire County Council administer the above and I am indebted to Dr. C. H. T. Wade, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following particulars of samples taken within the district in 1969. A total of 118 samples was obtained comprising 64 milks (10 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 54 others as follows:-

1 figs	1 olive oil
2 corn, canned	1 flan set powder
1 bread	1 orange cordial (to be diluted)
1 apple drink	1 shandy, canned
1 pear drink	1 raspberry pudding
2 cider	1 tomato paste
1 apricots in syrup, canned	1 potato crisps
1 blackberries in syrup	1 lemon drink, gin flavoured
1 asparagus spread	1 condensed milk, full cream, unsweetened



1 mustard sauce  
1 jam  
1 apricot chutney  
1 lemon cheese  
1 apple sauce, canned  
1 anchovy paste  
1 ice cream  
1 ice lolly  
1 fresh strawberries  
1 fresh raspberries  
1 fresh gooseberries  
1 double cream  
1 sterilised cream  
1 apple chutney  
1 dessert, canned  
1 cake decorations, edible

1 meat sauce, canned  
1 lime cordial & lager, canned  
1 liver sausage  
1 shandy  
1 liver sausage  
1 brawn  
1 cheese  
1 full fat soft cheese  
1 cooked potatoes  
1 baking powder  
2 soup canned  
2 table jelly  
1 malted milk beverages  
1 margarine  
1 marmalade with brandy  
1 cream dessert

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Figs	Sample submitted with a beetle which appeared to be a Longhorn beetle (family Cerambycidae) length 16 mm. weight 0.11 gramme	Remainder of stock withdrawn from sale
Corn, canned	Contained a lepidopterous larva, <i>Pyrousta nubilalis</i> (European Corn Borer) weighing 0.123 gramme and measuring 22 mm. long.	Packers cautioned
Corn, canned	Net weight 11.3 ozs. compared with 12 ozs. declared	Weights & Measures Inspector informed
Bread	Contained $8\frac{1}{2}$ gramme unrisen wheat-meal dough stained by 0.16% if iron oxide probably from contact with wet iron surface	Bakery cautioned and complainant informed
Lemon cheese	No butter detected yet claimed on list of ingredients	Manufacturer communicated with
Orange cordial (to be diluted)	Label indicates that 12 oz. bottle makes 8 pts. but final drink would contain only $\frac{2}{3}$ as much sugar as is required in Soft Drinks Regs. 1964 for a citrus drink for direct consumption	Manufacturers communicated with
Tomato paste	Total solids 26%; declaration on can gives concentration 28%-30%	Further cans from same stock obtained
Potato crisps	Contained part of beetle of genus <i>Dermestes</i> weighing 25 milligrams	Packers and complainants informed
Lemon drink gin flavoured	Proof spirit content only 0.4% - poor in gin flavour (sample tasted of ginger beer)	Manufacturers communicated with
Brawn	Meat & gelatine 57.5%. Should contain not less than 60% meat	Vendor interviewed

#### CONDEMNED FOOD 1968

Fish (fresh)	$3\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Cooked meat & meat products	30 lbs.
Other canned foods	6 cwt. 51 lbs.
Fruit & vegetables (fresh)	$48\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Other foods	9 cwt. $10\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

Total: 17 cwt. 13 lbs.

These foodstuffs were 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 two 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

One licence in force for the boarding of 22 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 50 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. Two new registrations were granted during the year.

Since the Shops(Early Closing Days)Act 1965 came into operation shopkeepers have been able 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 now 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 for the following classes of business:

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 a 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.

Annual licences were granted to 22 firms for the keeping of petroleum to which the Petroleum Acts apply, and to 5 firms for cellulose solution.

There are now three self-service stations, two attended, the other unattended, and note acceptor units have been installed at two of these. With the advent of self service greater importance is being given to the inspection and testing of the specialised equipment being installed.



#### 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. Nine hackney carriage drivers' licences were renewed and four new licences issued.

#### RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1964

Three licences were renewed under this Act. The premises were inspected by the veterinary surgeon who is the Council's authorised Inspector under this Act and were found to be satisfactory, all statutory requirements being complied with.

#### BYELAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

	<u>Dated</u>
Removal of offensive matter	1st August 1947
Nuisances	1st August 1947
Offensive trades	1st October 1947
Good rule and government	1st April 1948
Hackney carriages	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
Good rule and government:	
Noisy conduct at night and	December 1957
Parking on grass verges	
Deposit of litter	May 1956
Hairdressers and barbers	16th September 1963

#### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

	<u>Class of premises</u>				
	<u>Offices</u>	<u>Retail shops</u>	<u>Wholesale shops ware-houses</u>	<u>Catering establishments open to public canteens</u>	<u>Fuel storage depots</u>
a) No. premises newly regd. during year	1	4	-	1	-
b) No. regd. premises at end of year	58	177	4	29	-
c) No. regd. premises receiving general inspection during year	3	50	-	5	-
d) No. exemptions current at end of year	1	-	-	-	-
Space s.5(2)	1	-	-	-	-
Temperature s.6	-	-	-	-	-
San. convens. s.9	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facilities s.10	-	-	-	-	-
e) No. visits of all kinds by inspector to registered premises	- 120				
f) Details of prosecutions during the year	- Nil				

11 premises removed from register as no staff now employed.

#### No. of persons employed:

Offices	191	Catering establishments	95
Retail shops	610	Canteens	-
Wholesale shops, warehouses	30	Fuel storage depots	-
Total: 933 (367 males, 566 females)			

All registered premises in Prestwich have received a general inspection.

# APPENDIX

## FACTORIES ACT 1961

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1969 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		
		Inspec- tions (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. Factories not incl. in (1) in which s.7 is enforced by the local authority	58	19	2	-
3. Other premises in which s.7 is enforced by local authority (excl. outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	58	19	2	-

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. of cases where defects found				No. of cases where prosecutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness s1	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding s2	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature s3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation s4	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors s6	-	-	-	-	-
San. conven. s7					
a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	1	-
c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not incl. offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	1	-

OUTWORK. Ss.110 and 111.

There are 8 registered outworkers in Prestwich, all employed in the making of Christmas decorations.





