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BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH



REPORT



OF THE



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR **1970**

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SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

1970

1,000 acres

Population

Registrar-General's estimate

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
PRESTWICH.

Mid-1970

31,000

1969

31,400

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

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It will be appreciated from the figures on pages 2 and 3 that the number of births during the year was reduced and the number of deaths was increased over the previous year, and this is reflected in the increased death rates brought about because of the declining population.

The table on page 4 illustrates how, although the infant deaths under one year of age was only one more than the previous year, it has pushed up the infant death rate from 19 to 24 per 1000 live births. This kind of variation illustrates that it only needs a small alteration in the number of deaths to make an apparently large increase in the rates per 1000 live births.

It is pleasing to note that for the second year in succession the township has returned to its previous good record of having no maternal deaths, which reflects on the excellent facilities provided by the mid-wifery services both hospital and domiciliary.

The major causes of deaths remain as in the past years, i.e., those diseases affecting the heart, malignant diseases, pneumonia and bronchitis. More detailed information is available on page 5.

It will be of interest in the table on infant deaths on page 6 to note that all but two of the deaths occurred within 24 hours of birth and in the main were due to prematurity and other congenital abnormalities.

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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,

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Medical Officer of Health.

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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-1970 32,660
 1961 census 34,191

Number of inhabited dwellings according to rate books at end of 1970:
 11,109
 Comprising 10,868 dwellinghouses
 218 shops with living accommodation
 23 public houses

Rateable value 1970/71: £1,168,589
 Sum represented by a penny rate: £4,550

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 estimated home pop'n mid-1970:</u>	<u>Prest-wich</u>	<u>Comparable figures for England & Wales</u>
Legitimate	354	177	177	Crude	11.6	16.0
Illegitimate	26	16	10	Adjusted ...	12.4	
<u>Stillbirths</u>				<u>Rate per 1000 total births</u>		
Legitimate	4	1	3		10.0	13.0
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil			
<u>Deaths</u>	573	275	298	<u>Death rate per 1000 estimated home pop'n mid-1970:</u>		
				Crude	17.5	11.7
				Adjusted ..	13.5	
<u>Heart and circulatory diseases</u>				<u>Death rate per 1000 estimated home pop'n mid-1970:</u>	10.25	
<u>Malignant neoplasms, etc.</u>				do.	2.63	
<u>Pneumonia and bronchitis</u>				do.	1.87	

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 32,660 less Prestwich Hospital residents (1,924 appr.)
 = 30,736

Mortality rates per 1,000 estimated population:
 Total deaths (all forms) 396 (405 in 1969)
 Crude 12.88 (13.05 in 1969), adjusted 9.92 (9.92 in 1969)

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

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

1899 - 1970

<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
1970	32,660	12.4	13.5	24.0

Prestwich M.B.	Live births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal mortality		Under 1 year Total		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 bths.	No. of still- bths. plus deaths of infants under 1 wk. of age	Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths
Year														
1970	380	11.6*	573	17.5*	4	10.0	Nil	Nil	9	24.0	7	18.0	11	29.0
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
Average 5 years 1965- 1969		12.8		15.9		13.4		0.47		14.6		10.9		23.1
Compar- able figures England & Wales 1970		16.0		11.7		13.0		0.19		18.0		12.0		23.0

*Adjusted (live birth rate comparability factor = 1.07 = 12.4 per 1000
death rate comparability factor = 0.77 = 13.5 per 1000)

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1970</u>			
<u>Cause of death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	-	1
2. Syphilis and its sequelae	2	3	5
3. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	3	3
4. Malignant neoplasm - buccal cavity, etc.	1	1	2
5. " " - oesophagus	3	1	4
6. " " - stomach	6	7	13
7. " " - intestine	11	8	19
8. " " - lung, bronchus	14	1	15
9. " " - breast	-	9	9
10. " " - uterus	-	2	2
11. " " - prostate	2	-	2
12. Leukaemia	-	2	2
13. Other malignant neoplasms	10	8	18
14. Diabetes mellitus	3	5	8
15. Other endocrine, etc. diseases	1	2	3
16. Other diseases of blood, etc.	1	-	1
17. Mental disorders	-	2	2
18. Multiple sclerosis	-	1	1
19. Other diseases of nervous system	7	1	8
20. Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	4	6
21. Hypertensive disease	14	9	23
22. Ischaemic heart disease	97	98	195
23. Other forms of heart disease	18	20	38
24. Cerebrovascular disease	17	35	52
25. Other diseases of circulatory system	9	12	21
26. Influenza	-	7	7
27. Pneumonia	12	16	28
28. Bronchitis and emphysema	24	9	33
29. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	3	4
30. Appendicitis	1	-	1
31. Cirrhosis of liver	-	1	1
32. Other diseases of digestive system	1	6	7
33. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
34. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-	3
35. Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-	1
36. Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	1	1	2
37. Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	2	2
38. Congenital anomalies	1	-	1
39. Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	2	3
40. Other causes of perinatal mortality	2	1	3
41. Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	5	6
42. Motor vehicle accidents	3	3	6
43. All other accidents	4	4	8
44. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	3	3
	<u>275</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>573</u>

The above table includes 177 deaths (81 males and 96 females) which occurred in Prestwich Hospital.

<u>Age at death</u>	<u>Deaths at all ages</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Under 4 weeks	4	3
4 weeks and under 1 year	1	1
1 -	-	-
5-	-	1
15-	-	1
25-	4	-
35-	4	6
45-	20	7
55-	66	43
65-	92	80
75 and over	84	156
	<u>275</u>	<u>298</u>

Inspection of houses with regard to fitness for human habitation and improvements

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 1970 showed an increase on those for 1969 (253 against 88) and this was mainly due to an increase in the number of notifications of measles, the comparable figure being 224 against 71.

There was also an increase in the number of scarlet fever notifications, being 5 against 1 for the previous year, and there were 4 notifications of whooping cough, there being none in 1969.

There were 8 cases of respiratory tuberculosis notified during the year, three of which occurred in Prestwich Hospital. There was a total of 30 cases on the register at the end of the year, 3 of which were in Prestwich Hospital.

Cases of infectious disease notified during 1970

Notifiable diseases	Total cases at all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & over	Total deaths
Scarlet fever	5		1			1	3						
Whooping cough	4			2	1		1						
Measles	224	14	30	20	37	37	84	1		1			
Dysentery	1									1			
Acute pneumonia primary and influenzal	Nil												
Typhoid fever	1									1			
Erysipelas	Nil												
Food poisoning	3					1			1	1			
Tuberculosis respiratory	8								1	1	4	2	2
others	Nil												
Puerperal pyrexia	Nil												
Infective hepatitis	4								1	1	1	1	
Meningococcal infections	1						1						
Acute encephalitis	1										1		
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	1											
TOTALS	253	15	31	22	38	39	89	1	5	4	6	3	2

Vaccination and immunisation of children for the year 1970

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

<u>Children protected against</u>	<u>1970*</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1963-66</u>	<u>Others under 16</u>	<u>Total</u>
Diphtheria	2	175	53	2	Nil	Nil	232
Whooping cough	2	175	53	2	Nil	Nil	232
Tetanus	2	169	52	2	Nil	Nil	225
Poliomyelitis	Nil	182	58	4	5	1	250
Measles	Nil	59	72	25	30	1	187

Reinforcement - by year of birth

Diphtheria	Nil	2	147	20	272	3	444
Whooping cough	Nil	2	123	14	12	1	152
Tetanus	Nil	2	146	20	272	4	444
Poliomyelitis	Nil	1	1	Nil	211	Nil	213
Measles	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Vaccination against smallpox

<u>Primary vaccinations (age in years)</u>				<u>Re-vaccinations (age in years)</u>			
<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2-</u>	<u>5-15 (incl)</u>	<u>Total (under 16)</u>	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2-</u>	<u>5-15 (incl)</u>	<u>Total (under 16)</u>
170	122	24	316	Nil	13	97	110

*You will note that the figures shown for 1970 refer only to vaccinations of children born in that year.

Vaccination and immunization of children for the year 1950

Under the auspices of the Lancashire County Council Vaccinations and Immunizations Section, immunizations against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles and scarlet fever were carried out in the district during the year. Details are appended below of the immunizations carried out in the district during the year.

Primary - by year of birth

Disease	1949		1948		1947		1946		1945		1944	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Diphtheria	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Whooping cough	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Tetanus	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Poliomyelitis	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Measles	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Total	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175

Immunization - by year of birth

Disease	1949		1948		1947		1946		1945		1944	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Diphtheria	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Whooping cough	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Tetanus	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Poliomyelitis	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Measles	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Total	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175

Immunization (age in years) - by vaccination (age in years)

Age in years	1949		1948		1947		1946		1945		1944	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1-2	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
3-4	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
5-6	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Total	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175

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Disease	1949		1948		1947		1946		1945		1944	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Scarlet fever	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Whooping cough	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Tetanus	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Poliomyelitis	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Measles	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Scarlet fever	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Whooping cough	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Tetanus	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Poliomyelitis	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Measles	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175
Total	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
PRESTWICH.

August 1971

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I am, Mr.Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

E.WHEELER,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
NEWTON.

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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 1½ 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 approximately 174 new 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 were 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 S. & D. 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 four notices under s.75 of the Public Health Act 1936 during the year.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN 1970

(figures in brackets denote re-visits)

Animal boarding establishments	- -	Housing Acts:	
Caravans	2 (1)	Defects s.9	6 (3)
Clean Air Act 1956 -		" s.16	8 (2)
Smoke control:		Demolition/closing orders	17 (23)
Contraventions	10 (1)	Clearance areas	77 (51)
Chimney heights	- -	Improvement areas - Survey	250 (15)
Surveys	1,127 (8)	Well maintained payments	- -
Adaptations	771 (20)	Overcrowding	1 -
Atmospheric pollution	- -	Multiple occupation	2 (2)
Smoke observations	25 -	Improvement/standard grants	75 (34)
Delivery of letters	- -	Certificates of disrepair	3 (2)
Drains obstructed & defective	126 (131)	Qualification certificates	65 (19)
Private sewers obstructed & defective	7 (12)	House mortgages	3 -
Public sewers obstructed & defective	59 (74)	Housing applications	13 -
Explosives Act, keeping of fireworks	3 -	Insects, bees, wasps, etc.	56 (3)
Factories Act:		Noise abatement	20 (5)
General inspections	5 (3)	Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	42 (18)
Outworkers	2 -	Pet Animal Act	3 -
Farms	- (2)	Petroleum Acts	3 (8)
Food and Drugs Act 1955:		Public conveniences	11 (1)
Sampling - milk	13 -	Public Health Acts:	
cream	6 -	Septic tanks	1 (1)
other foods	4 -	Infectious disease	84 (41)
Registrations - ice cream	2 (1)	Dirty conditions	23 (7)
preserved food	- -	Verminous	14 (3)
Unsound food	20 (6)	Offensive smells	39 (23)
Food poisoning	- -	Keeping of animals	5 (6)
Food Hygiene Regs. 1960:		Housing defects	153 (298)
Bakehouses	3 (8)	Accumuls.waste material	102 (98)
Bakers & confectioners	12 (11)	Defective drainage	26 (43)
Butchers	10 (5)	" closets s.45	5 -
Canteens	1 -	" bins s.75	6 (11)
Clubs & licensed premises	8 (11)	Disinfection T.B. etc.	1 -
Fishmongers	2 -	Disinfestation, fleas, etc.	26 (20)
Grocers	33 (30)	Riding Establishment Act	2 -
Greengrocers	14 (10)	Rodent control	167 (28)
Restaurants & snack bars	6 (8)	Schools	- -
Sweets & tobacco etc.	6 (6)	Shops Act 1950:	
Fish & chip shops	1 (2)	General inspections	2 (1)
Dairies	1 (1)	Regn.of Jewish traders	4 (1)
Food vehicles		Tips	- -
New regulations	12 (2)	Waste food boiling plants	1 -
Registration of hawkers	7 (2)	Water - Sampling	4 -
Hairdressing establishments	2 -	Percolations	26 (42)
		Culvert & courses	3 -
		Miscellaneous	49 (3)
		TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS	3,698
		" " RE-VISITS	1,167
		" " VISITS 1970	4,865
		" " " 1969	5,944

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956. SMOKE CONTROL.

The map and table on the following page show the current position regarding the establishment of smoke control areas throughout the Borough.

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 1961-70

Smoke - Town Hall

	61-2	62-3	63-4	64-5	65-6	66-7	67-8	68-9	69-70
Winter averages	469	367	253	331	193	170	203	170	147
Peak concentrations	4043	1829	1668	1805	1191	2712	1085	809	976
No. of days over 500 ug/m3	44	36	17	27	8	6	12	3	8

Smoke - 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/m3	33	37	26	25	6	7	10	Nil	-

Sulphur dioxide - Town Hall

Winter averages	224	270	229	323	231	229	275	206	192
Peak concentrations	2294	1518	875	1912	1094	2297	1122	887	1035
No. of days over 500 ug/m3	19	16	9	34	9	8	17	4	6

Sulphur dioxide -
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/m3	27	29	17	28	6	11	13	2	-

Measurements in microgrammes per cubic metre were made daily at the Health Department at the Town Hall; the station at Manchester Corporation Waterworks pumphouse in Butterstile Lane, was discontinued in 1969.

BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH
PROGRESS IN SMOKE CONTROL

Area: 2,420 acres
Premises: 11,685



No.	ORDER	DATE	ACRES	PREMISES	No.	ORDER	DATE	ACRES	PREMISES
1	Butt Hill	1.9.58	21.0	120	7B	Clifton Rd.	1.7.68	202.4	521
2	Carr Clough	1.9.61	42.0	491	8	Prestwich Vill.	1.7.69	109.0	845
3	Kersal Close	1.11.60	1.2	15	9	Simister	1.7.70	908.2	1305
4	Agecroft Rd.	1.11.62	80.0	515	10	Heys Rd.	1.7.71	53.7	1169
5	Hilton Park	1.7.63	272.8	669	10A	Langley & P'fd	1.7.74	59.5	464
6A	Bent Hill	1.11.63	103.0	588	11	2 Heaton Pk.	1.7.73	27.8	904
6B	Prestwich Pk.	1.11.63	177.0	766	11A	1 Heaton Pk.	1.7.72	10.0	180
7A	Church Drive	1.7.67	58.5	487	12	Sedgley/Pk.Rd.	1.7.74	293.9	2646
							Totals	2420.0	11685

Denotes Smoke Control Orders Not Yet Submitted

REPORT ON THE
PROGRESS IN THE CONTROL

OF THE
DISEASE



ORDER	DATE	ACRES	PERCENTAGE	No.	ORDER	DATE	ACRES	PERCENTAGE	
Butt Hill	1.9.28	150	21.0	78	Giffon Rd.	1.7.28	205.4	28.7	
Garth Clough	1.9.27	207	28.0	8	Prestwich Villa	1.7.28	109.0	14.8	
Farwell Close	1.11.28	75	10.0	9	Stainer	1.7.30	202.5	27.6	
Ascroft Rd.	1.11.28	200	27.0	10	Lea Rd.	1.7.27	22.7	3.1	
Bilton Park	1.7.27	200	27.0	104	Langley & Park	1.7.24	22.7	3.1	
Butt Hill	1.11.27	200	27.0	11	2 Heaton Pk.	1.7.27	22.8	3.1	
Prestwich St.	1.11.27	200	27.0	11A	1 Heaton Pk.	1.7.27	10.0	1.4	
Church Drive	1.7.27	200	27.0	12	Bedley Pk. Rd.	1.7.27	200.0	27.0	
Totals					5450.0 74.0%				

CONTROL OF INFESTATION

During the year the Pests Officer 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 Pests Officer 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 higher than in the previous year and 79 nests were successfully treated by spraying with 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 Pests Officer 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.

	Type of property	
	<u>Non-agric-</u> <u>ultural</u>	<u>Agricult-</u> <u>ural</u>
No. of properties in district	12,783	18
Total no. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	328	-
No. infested by rats	126	-
No. infested by mice	202	-

The Pests Officer made 2,018 visits investigating and treating infestations compared with 2,196 visits in 1969. 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 284 manholes were poison baited.

(b) Prestwich Hospital sewers

A similar treatment in 40 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 over 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 under 100 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

Proposed G.I.A.	Houses in area	Houses surveyed	Standard amenities		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 three areas included in the revised clearance area proposals follow, also details of progress in dealing with unfit properties since 1955.

Revised clearance area proposals 1971-73

<u>Houses in areas to be declared</u>		<u>No.</u>
(1)	1-12 South Row	12
	27-41 Rainsough Brow	8
	2, 6-16 Chapel Road	7
	1-5 West Row	5
	2-26 Kersal Road	13
		<u>45</u>
(2)	2,3 & 4 Upper Wilton Street	3
	1-6 Snowhill Terrace	6
	2-30 Bailey Street	15
		<u>24</u>
(3)	1-23 Wilton Street	12
	2-22 Wilton Street	11
		<u>23</u>

Total: 92 houses

Clearance area progress since 1955

<u>No.</u>	<u>Clearance area</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Clearance area</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>
1	(Infant Street)1956	31	20	(Wallis Street)1967	10
2	(Whittaker Lane)1957	4	21	(Poppythorn Lane)1967	8
3A	(Newtown Street)1959	17	22	(Barrow Street)1967	14
4	(Clayton Street)1962	36	23	(Greenhill)1968	9
5	(Chapel Road)1961	9	24	(Clifton Road)1969	4
6	(Longfield)1962	49	25	(Newtown Street)1969	9
7	(Rainsough Brow)1963	4	26	(Chester Street)1969	14
8	(Rectory Lane and Bowman Street)1964	29	27	(Blackburn Street)1969	6
9	(Sharp Street)1963	Withdrawn	28	(Ostrich Lane)1969	Withdrawn
10	(Chester Street)1963	7	29	(Ostrich Lane No.1)1969	19
11	(Ramsbottom Row)1963	9	30	(Ostrich Lane No.2)1969	8
			31	(Ogden Street & Park Street)1969	32
*12	(Flashfields)1965	4	32	(Greengate Lane)1970	4
13	(Simister Lane)1965	3	33	(Church Lane)1970	Withdrawn
14	(Simister Lane)1965	9	34	(Church Lane - Even numbers)1970	3
15	(Chapel Street)1966	31	35	(Bury Old Road)1970	2
16	(Sherbourne Street)1966	42	36	(Church Lane)1970	7
17	(Derby Street)1966	14	37	(Edward Street)1970	30
18	(Clifton Road)1967	4	38	(Chester Street)1970	14
*19	(Bent Lane)1967	4	40	(Naseby Place)1971	17
<u>Total:</u>					<u>516 houses</u>

*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 1969	17
Houses demolished during 1970:	
10 Clark's Hill	<u>1</u>
	<u>18</u>

(b) Closing orders

Houses closed up to December 1969	57
Houses closed during 1970:	
8 South Row	
10 South Row	
3 Bailey Street	
39a Rainsough Brow	
8 Ostrich Lane	
28 Ostrich Lane	
56 Ostrich Lane	
25 Chester Street	
4 Greenhill	
18 Rectory Lane	<u>10</u>
	<u>67</u>

4. HOUSING STATISTICS 1970

(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)	.....	492
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	.....	313
2. Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit			
(a)	Number found during year	.....	11
(b)	Number (or estimated number) at end of year (clearance areas)	.....	92
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	.....	149
(2) <u>Houses demolished</u>			
		<u>Demolished</u>	<u>No. of persons displaced</u>
			<u>Families</u>
(a) <u>In clearance areas</u>			
	Houses unfit for human habitation	46	65
	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil	Nil
	Houses on land acquired under s.43(2) Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil
(b) <u>Not in clearance areas</u>			
	As a result of formal or informal procedure under s.17(1) Housing Act 1957	3	Nil
	Local authority owned houses certified unfit by M.O.H.	Nil	Nil
	Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Act 1957	Nil	Nil
	Unfit houses included in unfitness orders	Nil	Nil
(3) <u>Unfit houses closed</u>			
	Under ss.16(4),17(1),35(1) of Housing Act 1957	13	17
	Under ss.17(3) and 26 of Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil
	Parts of buildings closed under s.18 of Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil
(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	60	Nil
	After formal notice under		
(a)	Public Health Acts	40	Nil
(b)	Ss.9 & 16 Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil
(c)	Under s.24 Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil
(5) <u>Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957): Nil</u>			
(6) <u>Purchase of houses by agreement: Nil</u>			
(7) <u>Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 - Improvement grants, etc. : Nil</u>			

(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>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
<u>Action during year:</u>		
Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard	26	44
Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard	Nil	Nil
Total applications approved by local authority ..	21	32
Work completed ..	15	11
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	93	32
Housing unfit	51	13
Other than housing	57	43
Dustbins	9	8
<u>Food Hygiene Regulations</u>		
Provision of w.h.b.	6	2
Provision of sinks	6	2
Cleanliness	30	11
Miscellaneous	37	24
<u>Housing Acts</u>	5	1
<u>Factories Act 1961</u>		
s.1 Cleanliness	-	-
s.7 Sanitary conveniences	-	-
(a) insufficient	-	-
(b) unsuitable	1	1
(c) not separate	-	-
Other	-	-

<u>Offices, Shops & Railway Premises</u>	<u>No.served</u>	<u>No.complied with</u>
<u>Act 1963</u>		
Cleanliness	14	7
Lighting	4	1
Ventilation	2	1
Sanitary conveniences	9	6
Washing facilities	4	2
Miscellaneous	32	16
Information	-	-
<u>Shops Act 1950</u>		
Miscellaneous	2	-
Totals	<u>362</u>	<u>170</u>

(b) Statutory notices

<u>Public Health Act 1936</u>		
s.75	4	1
s.93	16	8
s.56	-	-
s.45	4	3
s.39	16	13
s.24	21	18
s.34	-	1
s.83	1	1
<u>Public Health Act 1961</u>		
s.15	14	7
s.17	13	11
s.18	2	1
s.26	8	4
s.34	11	11
<u>Housing Acts</u>		
s.16	-	-
Totals	<u>110</u>	<u>79</u>

8. RENT ACT 1957

One application was received for a certificate of disrepair making the total number of applications received since the implementation of the Rent Act 146.

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(incl.those selling wet fish,game,etc.)	31
Fishmongers(incl.those selling poultry,game,etc.)	6
Meat shops (butchers,purveyors of cooked and preserved meats,tripec,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 26 food vehicles(hawkers)and 1 dairy	27
	<u>285</u>

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREMISES

<u>Type of business</u>	<u>Legislation under which registration effected</u>	<u>No. regd. at 31.12.70</u>	<u>No. of inspections of regd. premises during year</u>
<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	19
<u>Sale and manufacture of ice cream</u>			
Cafes	-do-	2	5
<u>Sale of ice cream</u>			
Grocers and sugar confectionery shops	-do-	75	85
Hawkers of food	Lancs. County Council (General Powers) Act 1951.	26	23

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 55 samples of milk were obtained from sources of supply which served the Borough.

SAMPLING

(1) Milk. 13 samples of milk have been taken by our own inspectors, the results of which are given below.

<u>Designation</u>	<u>No. of samples Satisfactory Unsatisfactory</u>		
Ungraded	6	5	1
Pasteurised	4	3	1
Sterilised	3	3	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 - 2 samples, grade III - 1 sample.

(3) Fresh cream. Six 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 1970. A total of 114 samples was obtained comprising 55 milks (6 of which were Channel Islands Milk) and 59 others, as follows:-

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 margarine | 1 corned beef |
| 1 butter | 1 ice cream |
| 1 sweets | 1 ice lollies |
| 2 jam | 1 flour confectionery |
| 1 mincemeat | 1 plain wholemeal flour |
| 1 table jelly | 2 cheese |
| 1 drinking chocolate | 1 shandy, canned |
| 1 soup, canned | 1 split peas |
| 1 carrots, canned | 1 corn, canned |
| 1 beans, canned | 1 chicken curry, canned |
| 1 brown bread | 1 tomato puree |
| 1 vegetable extract, concentrated | 1 lemon cheese |
| 1 honey | 1 tomatoes in juice, canned |
| 1 chicken soup, cubes | 1 fish, canned |
| 1 cremosuxidine suspension | 1 cochineal |
| 1 medical suspension | 1 wheat germ |
| 1 pickles | 1 biscuits |
| 1 dairy produce, canned | 1 invert sugar and honey spread |
| 1 chocolate sauce | 1 liver pate with truffles, canned |
| 1 curry powder | 1 chicken in sauce, canned |
| 1 meat, eggs, vegetables, canned | 1 sponge mixture |
| 3 soup mixture dry | 1 cake decorations (edible) |
| 1 diabetic marmalade | 1 mineral water, canned |
| 1 lemon juice, canned | 1 dairy cream trifle, frozen |
| 1 cocktail sausages | 1 chicken pie, frozen |
| 1 soda water | 2 bread |
| 1 matzo meal | 1 cherries, canned |

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>
Creמושuxidine suspension	Succinyl sulphathiazide 8.95% W/V (declared at 10% W/V)	None
Soup mixture, dry	Statement of ingredients incorrect, thus: i) The main ingredient is wheat starch(not potato starch as declared). ii)The amount of salt present is smaller than the amount of fat present though listed before fat in the declaration of ingredients.	Importer contacted
Cocktail sausages	Total meat content only 67.5%. Should be not less than 75% (see sausages and other meat products regulations 1967, Reg.5(i)(c)).	Manufacturer communicated with.
Soda water	Contained 7 milligrams(dry weight) of water deposit consisting of diatoms, green algae, and "iron bacteria"(crenotherix)which contained hydrated oxides of iron equivalent to 800 parts per million of iron (as Fe.)	Producer cautioned and complainant informed
Matzo meal	Contained a dead Mediterranean flour moth(Anagasta Kulinella) weighing 3 milligrams together with approx. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ grammes of frases.	Complainant informed.

Corned beef	Contained 0.68 gramme of sandstone or sand lime brick material of which approx.85% was siling (S ₁ O ₂)and the remainder carbonates of calcium - a further 85 grammes of the meat portion of the sample were contaminated with traces of the same material.	Manufacturer cautioned and complainant informed.
Informal milk	Contained a torn card comprising most of the outer sleeve of a cigarette packet printed "Players No.10 Filter" and bearing on the unprinted side a handwritten message "1 doz.eggs please". In total the dried card weighed 3.55 grammes.	Prosecution, fined £20, costs £13.10s.
Flour confectionery	Contained one Lesser House Fly (entire but for 2 legs)weighing 7 milligrams.	Prosecution, fined £10, costs £10.
Informal milk	Contained approx.half a part of insoluble deposit in 100,000 parts of the milk - about one fifth of the deposit consisted of burnt carbon flakes rather like burnt paper. The milk contained no excessive amounts of leucocytes or other cell debris.	Dairy informed and complainant notified.
Informal milk	Constituents: Fat 0.03 Solids-not-fat 0.06 Water 99.61 <u>100.00</u> i.e.,contained 98% extraneous water.	Dairy cautioned
Informal milk	Contained 0.05 I.U.penicillin per cm ³ .	Producer informed.
Bread	Contained an unsightly inclusion of small particles of unrisen dough, the inclusion having a total diameter of one inch tapering to half inch and penetrating the centre of the loaf for a depth of nearly 3 inches. The actual weight of unrisen dough was however very small. Part of the dark colour was due to the presence of 4 milligrams of iron but no mineral oil was present.	Bakery cautioned and complainant informed.
Bread	Contained the filter tip of a smoked cigarette including a very small amount of charred tobacco weighing when cleaned 0.129 gramme.	Prosecution under consideration.

CONDEMNED FOOD 1970

Cooked meat and meat products	34½ lbs.
Canned meats	2½ lbs.
Other canned foods	100 lbs.
Other foods	3 cwts.15½ lbs.
Total:	4 cwts.40½ 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 34 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 52 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 port-manteaux 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 21 firms for the keeping of petroleum to which the Petroleum Acts apply, and to 4 firms for cellulose solution.

There are now four self-service stations, two attended, the other two unattended, and note acceptor units have been installed at three 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. Six hackney carriage drivers' licences were renewed and two new licences issued.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1964

Two 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

	Class of premises				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
a) No. premises newly regd. during year	3	4	-	-	-
b) No. regd. premises at end of year	60	179	9	34	-
c) No. regd. premises receiving general inspection during year	4	34	1	2	-
d) No. exemptions current at end of year	-	-	-	-	-
Space s.5(2)	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature s.6	-	-	-	-	-
San. convens. s.9	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facilities s.10	-	-	-	-	-
e) No. visits of all kinds by inspector to registered premises	-				89
f) Details of prosecutions during the year	-				1
Messrs. G. & L. Allweis prosecuted and convicted under ss.4 & 16 on 22.7.70.					

3 premises removed from register as no staff now employed.

No. of persons employed:

Offices	201	Catering establishments	119
Retail shops	531	Canteens	7
Wholesale shops, warehouses	29	Fuel storage depots	-
Total:	887	(339 males, 548 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
1970 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. Factories not incl.in(1)in which s.7 is enforced by local authority	58	8	1	-
3. Other premises in which s.7 is enforced by local authority (excl.outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	58	8	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. of cases where defects found				No. of cases where prosecutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness s1	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding s2	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature s3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation s4	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors s6	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conven. s7					
a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act(not incl.offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

OUTWORK. Ss.110 and 111.

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



