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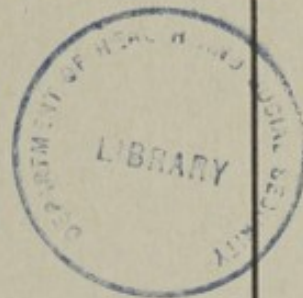
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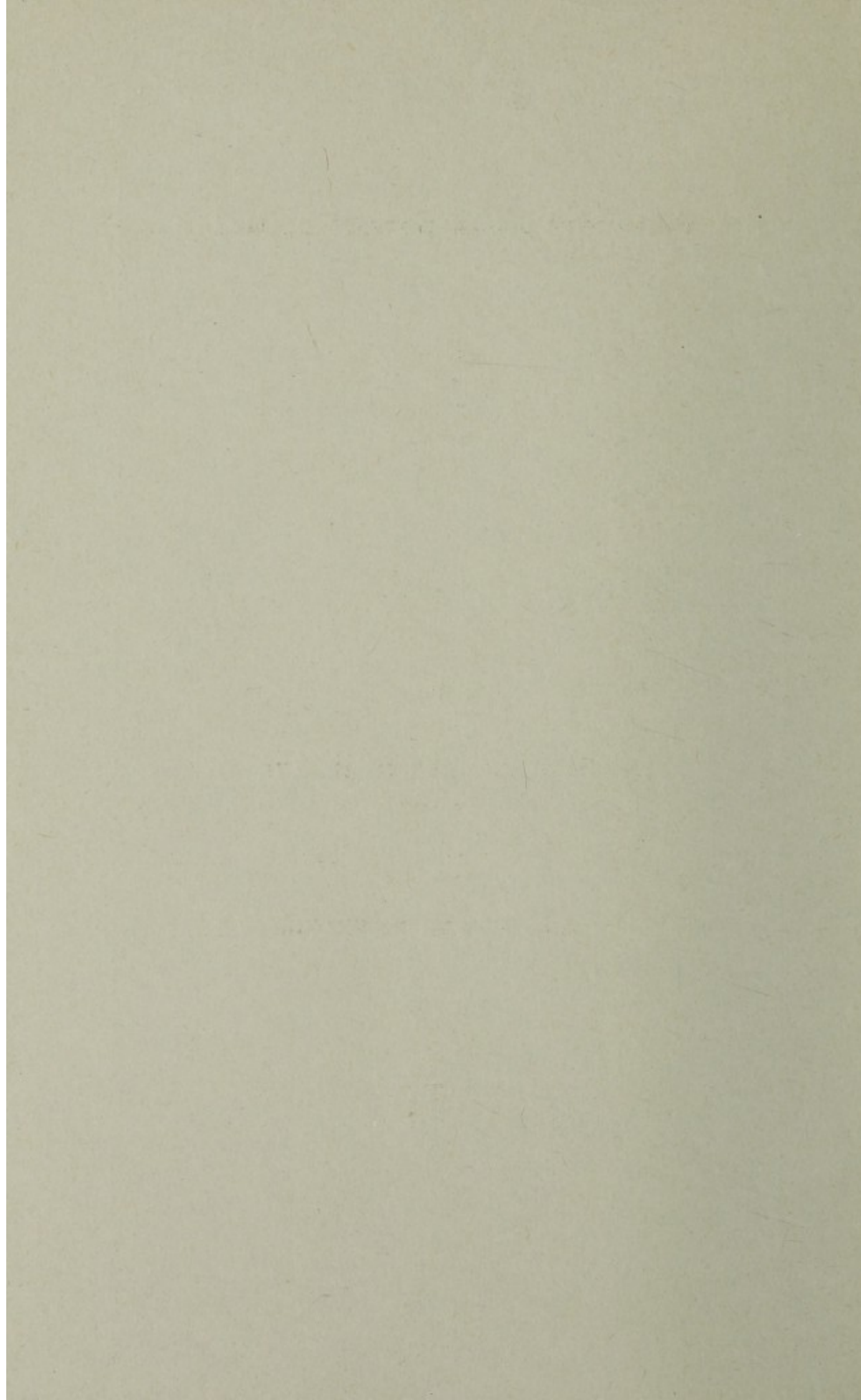
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# **WHITWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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## **MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, 1969**

### **Chairman of the Council :**

Councillor Mrs. C. A. TIERNEY, J.P.

### **Chairman of the Health Committee :**

Councillor Mrs. C. A. TIERNEY, J.P.

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A. DEWHURST, F.F.S., F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Cert. Inspector of Meat and other Foods

(Also holds the appointment of Engineer and Surveyor)

### **Deputy Public Health Inspector :**

J. MACLEOD

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### **Solicitors to the Council :**

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**TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF  
THE WHITWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,**

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year, 1969.

The contents of this report have been compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/70, dated January, 1970.

Clearance of houses unfit for human habitation is one of the chief public health problems in the district and will be for some years yet. During 1969, twenty-three unfit houses were cleared following action under the Housing Act, 1957, and six unfit dwellings were closed. Official representations were submitted in respect of four areas comprising twenty-five houses, all of which were declared Clearance Areas by the Council and subsequently confirmed by the Ministry.

Twenty-nine discretionary Grants, totalling £5,034, and twenty Standard Grants were approved during the year.

I am, Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. NELSON PICKLES,

Medical Officer of Health.

## VITAL STATISTICS

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**Births :** 160 births (66 males and 94 females) were registered this year; a crude birth rate of 20.6 per thousand of the population. The corrected birth rate, i.e. that rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of the district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales, is 20.8.

20 births were illegitimate, 3 less than the previous year, and 2 less than 1967.

There were 2 still births, which gives a still birth rate of 12 per 1,000 total births.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the birth rate is 1.01.

**Deaths :** 86 deaths were registered, of which 45 were males and 41 females.

The crude death rate is 11.1 and the adjusted rate is 12.8 per thousand estimated population. (Registrar-General's comparability factor is 1.15).

**Maternal Mortality :** It is very gratifying to report once again, that there has been no maternal death in the district.

**General Provision of Health Services in the Area :** These services are administered by the County Council through No. 13 Divisional Health Committee, on which this Council is represented. Up-to-date details are given in tables I and II of Clinic sessions and Divisional Health Staff serving the Urban District.



**Table I****CLINIC SESSIONS HELD AT THE SCHOOL CLINIC,  
BREN-BAR CRESCENT, WHITWORTH**

Minor Ailments	Tuesdays, 9 a.m.—10 a.m. Thursdays, 9-30 a.m.—12 noon.
Child Welfare	Thursdays, 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination	3rd Wednesday in every month, 2 p.m.
Ante-natal Session (Midwives only)	Mondays, 2 p.m.—4 p.m. (Doctor attends on first Monday in month.)
Chiropody	Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m. Tuesdays, 1 p.m.—4 p.m. Wednesdays, 1 p.m. — 4 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

**Table II****DIVISIONAL HEALTH STAFF — WHITWORTH AREA**

Asst. Div. Medical Officer & School Medical Officer	Dr. M. Boldus, School Clinic, Bren-bar Cres., Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 3581.
Health Visitors & School Nurses	Miss E. B. Ferguson and Miss N. Thornton, School Clinic, Bren-bar Cres., Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 3581.
Tuberculosis Health Visitor	Mrs. M. E. Schofield, The Clinic, Irwell Street, Bacup. Tel. Whit- worth 2531.
District Nurses	Mrs. T. R. Hay, 23 Knowsley Cres., Shawforth. Tel. Whitworth 2255. Mrs. C. Bridge, 2 Bren-bar Cres., Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2577.
Domiciliary Midwives	Mrs. O. Ashworth, 63 Wallbank Drive, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2531. Mrs. L. Dungworth, 38 Eastgate. Tel. Whitworth 2518.



Divisional Welfare Organiser	Mr. J. H. Todd, Divisional Health Office, 193 Drake Street, Roch- dale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Home Help Organiser	Mrs. Howarth, Divisional Health Offices, 193 Drake Street, Roch- dale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Dental	Mr. Greenhalgh, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.—12 noon. Mr. Jones, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—12 noon. Wednesdays, 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Mental Health Worker	Miss J. R. Lambert, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Mental Welfare Officer	Mr. E. B. Williams, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231 (outside office hours, Tel. Oldham MAIn 5488).
Ambulance Station, Bacup	Station Officer S. C. Kay, Com- mercial Street, Stacksteads. Tel. Accrington 34834.

# APPENDIX

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

### Summary of Statistics : 1969

Area (Acres) .....	4483
Population (Census 1951) .....	7442
Population (Census 1961) .....	7050
Population (estimated mid-1969) .....	7780
Number of inhabited houses (1968) .....	2918
Rateable Value .....	£181,573
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£711
Live Births :	Male Female Total
Illegitimate .....	11 9 20
Legitimate .....	55 85 140
Total .....	66 94 160
Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population .....	20.6
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births .....	13.8
Still Births—Number .....	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..	12
Total Live and Still Births .....	162
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year) .....	4
Infant Mortality Rate :	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .....	25
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .....	29
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....	0.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) .....	13
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) .....	13
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) .....	25
Maternal Mortality (including abortion) :	
Number of deaths .....	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..	Nil
Deaths .....	Male Female Total
45 41 86	
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population .....	11.1
Deaths from Certain Specified Diseases :	
Diseases of Circulatory System .....	46
Cancer (all forms) .....	15
Tuberculosis .....	0
Bronchitis .....	3

# INFANT MORTALITY

Year	No of Deaths	Infant Mortality, Rate per 1,000 live births	Quinquennial Rate	
			Year	Rate
1969	4	25.0	65-69	33.2
1968	9	54.0	64-68	32.3
1967	1	6.0	63-67	29.5
1966	9	60.8	62-66	35.3
1965	3	20.5	61-65	30.9
1964	8	20.4	60-64	34.1
1963	6	40.0	59-63	32.6
1962	6	34.9	58-62	33.6
1961	5	38.8	57-61	29.9
1960	5	36.5	56-60	23.7
1959	2	13	55-59	24
1958	5	45	54-58	35
1957	2	16	53-57	31
1956	1	8	52-56	34
1955	5	38	51-55	38
1954	9	69	50-54	40
1953	3	25	49-53	35
1952	4	31	48-52	37
1951	3	27	47-51	38
1950	6	48	46-50	43
1949	5	42	45-49	43
1948	5	35	44-48	48
1947	6	40	43-47	61
1946	7	50	42-46	72
1945	6	50	41-45	75
1944	7	63	40-44	83
1943	13	103	39-43	85
1942	10	94	38-42	82
1941	7	64	37-41	76
1940	9	90	36-40	92
1939	6	76	35-39	90
1938	7	86	34-38	84
1937	4	65		
1936	13	149		



## CAUSES OF DEATH

	1967	1968	1969
ALL CAUSES .....	87	91	86
Tuberculosis, Respiratory .....	—	1	1
Tuberculosis, Other .....	—	—	—
Mental Disorders .....	—	1	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc. ....	—	1	—
Whooping Cough .....	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections .....	—	—	1
Acute Poliomyelitis .....	—	—	—
Measles .....	—	—	—
Other Infections and Parasitic Diseases ...	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach & Intestine ...	4	—	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	5	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .....	3	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus .....	—	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	6	12	4
Anaemias .....	—	1	—
Diabetes .....	—	1	3
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases .....	—	1	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System .....	8	—	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease .....	16	18	23
Hypertensive Heart Disease .....	3	2	3
Other Heart Disease .....	9	8	6
Other Circulatory Disease .....	4	16	15
Influenza .....	—	—	—
Pneumonia .....	2	7	6
Bronchitis .....	9	2	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	2	1	—
Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum .....	2	—	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea .....	1	—	—
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia .....	—	—	1
Cirrhosis of Liver .....	—	—	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System .....	—	—	1
Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System ...	—	1	—
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System .....	—	1	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion .....	—	1	—
Other Causes of Peri-natal Mortality .....	—	2	2
Congenital Malformations .....	1	1	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ...	3	1	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	—	1	1
All Other Accidents .....	5	3	1
Suicide .....	4	—	2
Homicide and Operations of War .....	—	—	—



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## INFECTIOUS DISEASES — Comparison 1957-1969

DISEASE	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Smallpox .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2	2	—
Diphtheria .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .....	73	32	105	174	75	38	142	20	140	58	74	21	52
Whooping Cough .....	144	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	8	17	—	43	2
Pneumonia .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Dysentery .....	11	73	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	16	—
Meningococcal Infection .....	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Gastro Enteritis .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other (Hepatitis) .....	9	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	240	115	105	176	75	40	147	26	149	78	79	82	55

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES — Monthly Incidence, 1969

DISEASE	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Smallpox .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Diphtheria .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .....	73	3	5	4	3	—	8	—	—	9	7	19	15
Whooping Cough .....	144	80	25	17	12	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chickenpox .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery .....	11	3	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	3	1	—	—
Poliomyelitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hepatitis .....	9	3	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	240	89	33	21	15	2	23	—	—	12	8	19	17



## TUBERCULOSIS

## New Cases and Mortality during 1969

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—44 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—64 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 1968 .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

## Comparison, 1960-1969

Year	New Cases		Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
1960	3	—	—	—
1961	3	—	3	—
1962	3	—	1	—
1963	2	—	—	—
1964	3	—	—	—
1965	—	—	1	—
1966	2	1	1	—
1967	—	—	—	—
1968	—	—	1	—
1969	—	—	—	—



**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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**To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District  
Council of Whitworth.**

**Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,**

I have pleasure in presenting to you my **7th** Annual Report which covers the year ending 31st December, 1969.

In 1969 the Council maintained the progress it has made in the last few years in the improvement of housing standards in the district. 52 new dwellings were completed in the year, and as last year, development in the private sector was greater than that in the public sector, 30 to 22.

1969 saw the completion of the Council's second Housing Improvement Scheme at Leavengreave comprising the modernisation and conversion of 36 back-to-back stonebuilt cottages into 8 three-bedroomed houses and 8 two-bedroomed houses together with the environmental improvement of the area surrounding the dwellings. Full Central Heating was installed in the dwellings by means of an oil-fired district heating scheme which also feeds 34 new dwellings which have been erected on derelict land adjoining the site. The scheme, which was opened by the then Minister of Housing and Local Government, has become well-known throughout the country and has been visited by almost 1,000 representatives of other local authorities who have unanimously agreed that it is an enterprise of which the Council can be justly proud.

Further schemes are in course of preparation for Market Street, Whitworth, Chapel Houses, Shawforth, and Meadow Cottages, Facit, together with schemes to modernise all the pre-war Council Houses.

During 1969 there was an increase in the number of people taking advantage of improving their dwellings by means of grants from the Council. It is hoped that the Housing Act 1969 with its increased grant ceiling will encourage more people still to carry out improvements to their dwellings.

Twenty-three unfit dwellings were demolished during the year and the sites have been, or are, to be landscaped. The policy of the Council in acquiring the sites of unfit dwellings in order to either re-develop or landscape them, is gradually improving the environment of the district.

I wish to express my thanks for the ever-ready assistance given to me by your other officials, my deputy and members of my staff and for the support and encouragement received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

A. DEWHURST,  
Engineer, Surveyor and  
Senior Public Health Inspector

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

25 Informal Notices and 4 Statutory Notices for the abatement of nuisances and the remedy of sanitary defects in and around dwellings were served on owners and occupiers.

### SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Infectious Diseases .....	16
Number of premises visited .....	—
Housing—inspection—change of tenancy .....	34
Housing—Housing Act .....	43
Housing—Public Health Act .....	88
Housing—Clearance .....	87
Housing—Improvement Grants .....	86
Council Houses .....	113
Visits re. Shops Act .....	35
Refuse Tip .....	19
Sewage Works .....	15
Rodent Control .....	58
Public Conveniences .....	64
Meat Inspection .....	134
Smoke Nuisance .....	139
Drain Tests .....	146
Interviews .....	93
Miscellaneous .....	61
Animal Boarding Establishments .....	4
Factories .....	8
Public Health Nuisances .....	20
Number of Inspections made .....	1243



## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

### **A. Sanitary Inspection of the Area Water Supply**

The water supply in the area is mainly satisfactory. The Public supply is provided by the West Pennine Water Board, and the majority of the houses have a supply of water that is wholly sufficient and good in quality.

The water is collected from upland surface gathering grounds and afterwards treated by modern methods of filtration and chlorination.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is 2,845 and 73 houses have supplies drawn from private sources.

### **Public Cleansing**

Household refuse is collected on a weekly basis from all the houses in the area and approximately 3,226 dustbins are emptied. 149 dustbins were replaced during the year under the Council's scheme.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping methods for land reclamation purposes at Landgate. The previous site at Springside is being developed as a playing field.

The weekly collection and disposal of refuse has been satisfactorily maintained throughout the year, although with the coming into occupation of new houses set well back from the highway, with the longer carry of dustbins to the kerb the collection staff are working at full pressure. The paper sack has been introduced at new houses in place of the dustbin as an aid to speeding collection and as a means of offsetting this longer carry, also a new vehicle with a greatly increased capacity reduces the time lost in journeys to the tip.



Details of the cost of collection and disposal of household refuse are as follows (including provision of new dustbins and the collection of night-soil) :

	1969	1968	1967
Loads removed .....	530	930	920
Cost per load .....	£22/6/8	£11/13/1	£11/0/2
Refuse in tons (estimated) .....	4490	4480	4410
Cost per ton .....	£2/9/7	£2/8/4	£2/5/5
Number of houses and premises .....	3238	3226	3226
Cost per house and premises p.a. ....	£3/12/11	£3/7/2	£3/2/9
Total net cost of collection .....	£11807	£10838	£10129

Owing to increasing costs all round, refuse costs have gone up generally.

### Sanitary Accommodation

The sanitary accommodation of the area is as follows :

Fresh Water Closets .....	2808
Waste Water Closets .....	104
Pail Closets .....	25
No. of houses on the Water Carriage System ...	2918

The Pail Closets existing are situated at the following premises :

Dwelling Houses .....	6
Mills and Workshops .....	1
Farms .....	18

With very few exceptions they cannot be converted to the fresh water carriage system, in view of the fact that they are situated in outlying parts where no sewer is available.

Although the Council encourage the conversion of waste water closets to the fresh water carriage system, progress is slow and there is no authority for compulsory conversion.

Referring to the sanitary accommodation generally, there are still many blocks of houses where the occupiers of the dwellings have to walk distances of 20

or 30 yards down the street to the sanitary accommodation, this being jointly used by two or more families. Unfortunately, this state of affairs cannot be quickly improved at the present as most of the houses concerned are of a type which will be subject to demolition or re-conditioning within the next few years.

### **Atmospheric Pollution**

All the boiler plants at factories are operating satisfactorily and a noticeable improvement can be seen as a result of conversions to oil firing carried out in the last few years.

The Council has taken no action to date in the declaration of smoke control areas affecting residential property, although all new Council Houses are completely smokeless.

### **Rodent Control**

A Servicing Company is employed on an annual contract for dealing with these treatments, and a charge is made for work when engaged on industrial and farm premises.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	3682	33
Number of Properties Inspected	81	14
Total Inspections (inc. re-inspections) .....	495	12
Number of Properties found infested by :		
Rats .....	25	6
Mice—Major .....	—	—
Minor .....	26	12
Number of Infested Properties treated .....	51	12



## B. Housing

During the year, 52 new dwellings were completed in the District — 22 by the Council and 30 in the private sector — 20 less than the previous year. During the post-war years, 702 dwellings have been completed by the Council and 236 by private builders. Clearance Areas Nos. 29-32 were declared by the Council followed by Compulsory Purchase Orders which were later confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

This year, there was an increase in the number of Discretionary and Standard Grants approved by the Council totalling 49 in all.

### HOUSING STATISTICS

#### (a) Number of New Houses Erected During the Year.

	Houses	Flats
1. By the Local Authority .....	22	Nil
2. By Other Local Authorities .....	Nil	Nil
3. By Other Bodies or Persons .....	30	Nil

#### (b) Unfit Dwelling Houses.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.	
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	162
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose .....	362
(2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
(a) Number found during year .....	182
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year .....	240
(3) Number of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit .....	46
2. Houses Demolished.	
in clearance areas:	
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation .....	23
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. ....	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act 1957 .....	Nil
Not in clearance areas:	
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1), Housing Act 1937 .....	6
(5) Local Authority owned houses .....	Nil
3. Unfit Houses Closed.	
(1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957 .....	6
(2) Under Section 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil
(3) Parts of building closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 .....	Nil

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By L.A.
(1) After information action by Local Authority	37	—
(2) After formal notice under :		
(a) Public Health Acts .....	2	—
(b) Housing Act, 1957 .....	—	—
(3) Under Section 24, 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957 .....	—	—

5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957).  
Position at end of year :

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation :	
(a) Under Section 48 .....	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(2) .....	Nil
(c) Under Section 46 .....	Nil
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53 .....	Nil

6. Purchase of houses by agreement.  
Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders, purchased during the year .....

Nil

7. Housing Act, 1969, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958—Improvement Grants, etc.  
Action during year :

	Private bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected	No. of schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority .....	29	29	—	—
(b) Approved by local authority .....	29	29	—	—
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry .....	—	—	—	—
(d) Finally approved by Ministry .....	—	—	—	—
(e) Work completed .....	15	15	—	—
(f) Additional Separate dwellings included in (d) above .....	—	—	—	—

- (g) Any other action taken under the Act .....

Nil

8. House Purchase and Housing Acts 1959-69—Standard Grants.  
Action during year :

	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(a) Applications submitted to local authority	20
Applications approved by local authority	20
Work completed .....	18



**C. Meat and Food Inspection**

Slaughterhouses Act, 1954.

Food and Drugs Act, 1957.

During the year all the animals slaughtered in the district have been examined. Particulars of carcasses inspected and amounts condemned are shown below.

**CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED**

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .....	54	22	1	169	28	—
Number inspected .....	54	22	1	169	28	—
<b>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci :</b>						
Whole carcase condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned .....	5	2	—	3	—	—
Percentage of number inspected	9.3	9.0	—	1.8	—	—
<b>Tuberculosis only :</b>						
Whole carcase condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Cysticercosis :</b>						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—

**WEIGHT OF CARCASSES AND ORGANS FOUND TO BE  
UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

All diseases except tuberculosis .....	116 lbs.
Tuberculosis only .....	Nil
Total	116 lbs.

### **Slaughterhouses**

There is only one private slaughterhouse licensed in the district and regular inspections are carried out. The premises which have recently been re-modelled and brought up to modern standards, are maintained and conducted in a satisfactory manner.

The majority of the animals slaughtered in the district are for consumption in the district.

There is no public abattoir in the district.

### **Slaughtermen's Licences**

During the year 4 persons were licensed as slaughtermen

### **Food and Drugs Acts, 1955—Section 16**

35 routine visits were made during the year to the 28 premises in the district registered for the sale of ice-cream. 8 inspections were made of premises registered for the manufacture of sausage and cooked meats.

### **Food and Drugs Acts, 1955—Sampling**

The provision of the above Acts, so far as they relate to the sampling of food for nature, substance and quality are administered by the Lancashire County Council in co-operation with the Local Authority.

**Food Inspection**

Visits were made during the year to inspect food-stuffs at various premises and condemnation certificates were issued for the following :

Poultry (chickens) .....	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Cod Fish .....	24 lbs.



**PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961**

**PART I OF THE ACT—1—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES**

Including Inspections made by Public Health Inspector

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
<b>Section I:</b> Factories in which Sections I, II, III, IV and VI are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....	—	—	—
<b>Section II:</b> Factories not included in (I) in which Section VII is enforced by the Local Authority .....	14	2	—
<b>Section III:</b> Other premises in which Section VII is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .....	10	—	—
<b>Total</b>	24	2	—

**2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND**

Particulars (1)	Number of defects			Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of cleanliness .....	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding .....	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Accommodation :				
Insufficient .....	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective ...	—	1	—	—
Inadequate ventilation .....	—	—	—	—
Want of cleanliness .....	?	.	—	—
Not separate for sexes .....	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	2	1	—	—

**PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORKERS : NIL**

## **Sewage Works**

During 1969 the sewage disposal works generally managed to produce a fairly satisfactory effluent although operating under difficulty. One of the difficulties is the drying and disposal of sludge.

This is one local authority service which does not generally catch the public eye, but is one which must function to a high standard of efficiency if our rivers are to attain a standard of purity which we would all wish to see. This can only be attained by full and close collaboration between the local authority, river authority and industrialists who now discharge effluent into the rivers and streams.

During the year the Council accepted into the sewage disposal works the effluent from one industry and provisionally agreed to accept the effluent from another factory.





