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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINSFORD



## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1968

by the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
and the  
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Divisional Medical Officer,  
David Street,  
Castle,  
NORTHWICH,  
Cheshire.



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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINSFORD

Telephone No:  
Northwich 74251/2

Hartford Hill,  
David Street,  
Northwich,  
Cheshire.

June, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Winsford Urban District Council

Dear Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the environmental health and sanitary circumstances of the Council's district for the year 1968.

For the information of Members I enclose my Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee.

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

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

F. SEYMOUR

Medical Officer of Health.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Reference to:  
Memorandum dated 12/21/52

Bartholomew Hill,  
David Street,  
Baltimore,  
Maryland

June, 1953

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Baltimore Urban District Council

Dear Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Very Respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

P. REYNOLDS

Medical Officer of Health



TOWN SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Councillor Mrs. M. O. Forgham, J.P.

S T A F F

Medical Officer of Health

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

Other Appointments: The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for Northwich Urban and Rural District Councils, Runcorn Urban and Rural District Councils, Middlewich Urban District Council and Divisional Medical Officer to the Mid-Cheshire and Runcorn Division.

Chief Public Health Inspector & Estates Officer

T. H. Rogerson, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
Cert. R.S.H. Meat & Other Foods

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

F. Lamb, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
Cert. R.S.H. Meat & Other Foods

Additional Public Health Inspectors

R. D. Clarke, M.R.S.H.,	N. T. Taylor, M.R.S.H.,
M.A.P.H.I.,	M.A.P.H.I.,
Cert. R.S.H.	Cert. R.S.H.
Meat & Other Foods	Meat & Other Foods

Authorised Meat Inspectors

B. Porter      W. I. Wallace      F. Breeze

Trainee Meat Inspector

J. Malek

Pest Control Operator

J. Williams





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# SECTION I

## GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

### (1) COMPARATIVE GENERAL STATISTICS - 1967/68

	Year	
	1967	1968
Population (estimated mid-Year)	18,200	20,960
Area (Acres of District)	7,094	7,094
Rateable Value	£534,878	£607,075
Product of Penny Rate (Estimated)	£2,688	£3,000
Estimated number of inhabited dwellings	5,700	6,177

### (2) VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Comparable Figs. for England &amp; Wales</u>
Legitimate	253	227	480	
Illegitimate	10	7	17	
	<u>263</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>497</u>	
Crude Birth Rate per 1000 population			24.4	

\*Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1000 population 19.8  
(Comparability Factor 0.81) 16.9

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total births 3.4

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Still-Births</u>	3	7	10
<u>Live and Still-Births</u>	266	241	507

Still-Birth Rate per 1000 total live and Still-Births 20 14.0

#### Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
8	5	13

\*See Page 2.



Infant Mortality RatesComparable Figs.  
for England & Wales

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 total Live Births	.. 26	18.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks) per 1000 total Live Births	.. 20	12.3
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week) per 1000 total Live Births	.. 16	10.5
Foetal Mortality Rate (Still-Births and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total Live and Still-Births)	.. 36.0	25.0

The various infant mortality rates were rather high for the year under review, however, because of the relatively small numbers involved, the variations were within the limits that can be expected to occur by chance.

Maternal Mortality (including abortion) .. Nil

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	96	87	183

Death Rate per 1000 population 9.0

\*Corrected Death Rate per 1000  
population (Comparability Factor  
1.62) 14.6 11.9

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

Causes of Death

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	2	3
2. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	7	2	9
3. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	5	5
4. Leukaemia	2	-	2
5. Other Malignant Neoplasms, Etc.	7	6	13
6. Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1
7. Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
8. Other Endocrine Et. Diseases	-	1	1
9. Anaemias	1	2	3
10. Other Diseases of Nervous System Etc.	1	2	3
11. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Diseases	1	-	1
12. Hypertensive Disease	1	3	4
13. Ischaemic Heart Disease	24	13	37
14. Other Forms of Heart Disease	4	9	13
15. Cerebrovascular Disease	12	10	22
16. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	4	7
17. Pneumonia	3	5	8
18. Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	3	10
19. Other Disease of Respiratory System	2	1	3
20. Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
21. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
22. Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
23. Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	2	2

# Causes of Death

(Continued)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
24. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2
25. Congenital Anomalies	2	4	6
26. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour Etc.	4	1	5
27. Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	2
28. Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	1	7	8
29. Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	2
30. All Other Accidents	3	1	4
31. All Other External Causes	2	-	2
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## SECTION II

### HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the statutory and voluntary Health and Welfare Services in the area are given in the Appendix of the Divisional Medical Officer's Report which is enclosed, and further details may be obtained from him at the Divisional Medical Office, David Street, Northwich. Telephone number - Northwich 74251.

#### (2) HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Winsford Urban District lies within the area of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board, whose offices are at Cheetwood Road, Manchester 8.

#### (3) GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES

The District lies within the area of the Cheshire Executive Council whose offices are at 28 Nicholas Street, Chester. Telephone number - Chester 23158.

#### (4) AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance service is provided by the County Council and is under radio control from Central Control at County Hall, Chester. All 999 calls made by members of the public are immediately connected to this central control. The arrangement for non-urgent calls is that the patient or general practitioner should ring the Northwich Depot - Telephone number - Northwich 73355.

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### SECTION III

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-1951

##### Sections 47 and 50

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

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### SECTION IV

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

##### NOTIFICATICTS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the years 1967 and 1968.

DISEASE	Cases Notified	
	1967	1968
Measles	130	117
Scarlet Fever	5	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1
Infectious Hepatitis	-	7

The cases of Infectious Hepatitis were contained in two small outbreaks, one in a small "Close" amongst play contacts and the other in a class of young children. The Department of Health agreed to release sufficient immunoglobulin for the child contacts in each outbreak.

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## SECTION V

### TOWN DEVELOPMENT

When Town Development began in 1961, the population of Winsford was 12,750. At the end of 1968, it had reached 21,000, an increase of over 8,000 people in seven years.

The planned population growth is to 70,000 by 1986, an additional 49,000 people over the next eighteen years.

Such rapid expansion of population necessitates the provision of new industry, housing, amenities and welfare, and the progress on the provision of these is contained in this report.

#### 1. Housing

The St. John's and Glebe Green housing estates were completed during 1968, and the occupation of houses continues. There are approximately 302 houses on Glebe Green and 368 houses on St. John's Estate. A variety of house types are available, - 2 bedroom houses, 3 or 4 bedroom houses, and bungalows. A general shop and a public house is to be provided on each estate.

Approximately 300 houses were started on Mount Pleasant during 1968. The total number to be built is 750. A variety of house types are being built here also - from Duplex houses, with a 1 bedroomed flat beneath a 2 storey house, to 4 bedroomed houses.

Detailed plans for the Mount Pleasant sub-centre are being prepared. Facilities will include a health centre, a veterinary clinic, a community centre, 9 shops and a public house. Small play areas for toddlers are included in the estate lay-out, and are situated near to the houses and connected by the pedestrian way system.

A public inquiry has been held on two areas planned for further housing development. These are Area 5, at Clive, and Area 14, at Darnhall.

It is proposed to build approximately 730 houses at Clive and approximately 800 at Darnhall.

Provision is also being made for private house development. Developers are building a wide selection of houses - in style and price - for sale. The Council is also offering a number of building plots for sale, for individuals to build their own houses on. This area covers six and a half acres and includes approximately 39 plots.

Each area will have its own primary school and the possibility of some of the school facilities being jointly used by the community is being discussed with the Education Authority.

Supervised accommodation for old people on the Grange Estate was officially opened in November, 1968. The building contains 18 single flats, and 7 double flats, and has laundry facilities and a communal lounge. Only two double flats were unoccupied at the year end. A site has been reserved on Crook Lane Estate for further accommodation of this kind. Work on a 36 bed, residential home for the Elderly has been started on Walnut Drive, Winsford, and completion of this is expected early in 1970.

Various problems are experienced by new families moving into Winsford. In particular is the expense associated with setting up a new home particularly for those families who have not previously had a house of their own. To help with their problems the Council employs two Neighbourhood Social Workers.

#### 2. Health Centres

##### (i) Wharton

The extension and conversion of the existing clinic is expected to be completed in July 1970. There will be four consulting rooms at this centre.



### (ii) Town Centre

This Centre is expected to be completed early in 1971. It will be two storey building with 8 consulting rooms and three surgeries as well as rooms to accommodate specialist services like health education, Child Guidance and speech therapy.

### (iii) Mount Pleasant

The programme for this health centre has been retarded two years, but it is proposed to provide four consulting rooms finally.

Meanwhile it is proposed that a council house on the estate be temporarily converted into a G.P. Surgery.

### (iv) Southern Area

This will be developed later, but it is anticipated that three consulting rooms would be provided at this centre.

This development will provide a Health Team of General Practitioners in each area of the town. They will be closely associated with Midwives, Home Nurses, Health Visitors, Ancillary Nursing Staff and Social Workers.

Each Team will also be working in close contact with hospital services and County Council Staff such as School Medical Officers, Child Psychiatrists, Speech Therapists, Dental Surgeons, Child Officers etc.

## 3. Social Amenities

The local Arts Society and Sports Council have both become firmly established in the town, and members are very enthusiastic.

The Arts Society has a membership of over one hundred, and is busy preparing for its second Arts Festival Week. An eighteenth Century Farm House is being converted into an Arts Centre, and repair and re-decoration are under way. Various sub sections of the Society have been formed for people with specialised interests i.e. Drama Section, Choral Society, and Operatic Society.

The Sports Council held a Sports Week, five months after its inauguration, and is planning a similar event for next year. They are compiling a 'Sports Directory' of all the sporting facilities available in Winsford.

The Old People's Welfare Council is also very active and is engaged with fund raising activities to provide facilities for the elderly. In addition they are conducting a survey of registration of all the old people living in Winsford.

The Civic Hall has been opened for about a year, and the variety of events promoted, shows what a valuable amenity it is to the town. Events have included beat nights, cabaret nights, big-band dances, classical concerts, military and brass bands concerts, folk nights, fashion shows, and wrestling nights. The hall is also available for hire for private functions.

During the summer, a temporary playleadership scheme was attempted for a week during the school holidays. It was organised by the Council's Social Workers, and parents in the neighbourhood provided voluntary help. The response from the children showed that the scheme was a success and on the strength of this it is hoped to promote a full time playleadership scheme, associated with a play park centre, in the future.

The Winsford 18+ Group did some very useful work in re-constructing some equipment on a rather decrepid play ground on the Grange Estate, using their own voluntary labour.

Seven football pitches have been made available for local teams, during the year and the demand is still increasing.

A technical panel has been set up to consider the joint use of a Sports Complex planned for Woodford Lodge Comprehensive School. This panel consists of representatives of the County Council and Winsford Urban District Council. The facilities will include a sports hall, a gymnasium, a swimming pool, a teaching pool, squash courts, an equipment shop, cafe, bar and a full range of outdoor facilities (pitches for cricket, football, hockey, tennis courts etc.) and two all-weather pitches.

The idea of joint use is that school children would use the facilities during the day time during school term, and the public could have full use in the evenings, at weekends and during school holidays.

There are also proposals to build a Sports Complex at Wharton, and the Planning Consultants have submitted a plan of the details to the Council. The accommodation includes a twenty-five metre swimming pool, a separate teaching pool, changing accommodation, a sports hall, squash courts, rifle range, club rooms, and restaurant, outdoor pitches and one all-weather pitch.

A County Youth Centre is being built at present, and is due to be completed in September 1969. The Council of Churches are also planning a small centre in Wharton to co-ordinate the various church youth clubs in the town. It is proposed that a Youth Leaders Association be formed in the near future, to act as a co-ordinating body, and to promote and organise activities for young people.

The two community centres, on Grange and Crook Lane Estates, are well used, and invaluable to the local residents, as can be seen by the sort of activities carried out - for example keep-fit classes, luncheon clubs, folk dancing, Darby and Joan Clubs, Bingo sessions, Morris dancing, Ladies Clubs, Toddlers Clubs, Car Clubs, Religious Meetings, Junior Youth Clubs, Committee Meetings etc. One of the centres is also used as a part-time County Child Health Clinic.

A Central Library is to be built in the Town Centre in 1971/2 and will include a large meeting room which can be used by the Arts Society, and a committee room for smaller meetings. It is also hoped that a lounge and kitchen can be included in the plans, for use by old people, particularly for luncheon clubs. Two of these Clubs are now providing a much needed adjunct to the Meals on Wheels Service.

#### 4. Industry

The three hundred acre industrial estate is now nearly completed, and twenty nine factories are built and operating.

At the end of the year approximately 3,975 people were employed.

Two new factories were under construction during 1968 representing a figure of 68,500 sq.ft. They are expected to employ a further 70 people. Also, extensions to five existing factories were started.

A study is being made at present to determine the site of the next industrial estate. The master plan indicates two further industrial estate for Winsford, making three in all.

There are outline plans for an area of light industry on High Street North Site. This will be partly used for re-location of displaced light industry due to re-development.



# SECTION VI

## SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

### Statement of Inspections made and Notices issued

Nature of Inspections made	Number	Number of Notices Served		Results of Service of Notices	
		Statutory	Informal	Notices complied with	Remaining in hand
1. Dwelling-house (General)	992	23	36	43	16
2. Overcrowding	5	-	-	-	-
3. Tents, Sheds, Caravans	56	-	2	2	-
4. Septic Tanks, W.C'S.	6	-	-	-	-
5. House Drainage	61	-	5	5	-
6. Ditches, Water Courses, Etc.	3	-	1	1	-
7. Offensive Accumulations	14	-	4	4	-
8. Keeping of Animals	5	-	-	-	-
9. Offensive Trades	13	-	1	1	-
0. Private Slaughterhouses	2,442	-	10	9	1
1. Premises where food is produced or sold	184	-	46	46	-
2. Dairies	-	-	-	-	-
3. Factories and other premises under the Act.	173	-	11	-	-
4. Places of Amusement	5	-	-	-	-
5. Filthy or verminous premises	92	-	-	-	-
6. Water supply	5	-	-	-	-
7. Infectious diseases	13	-	-	-	-
8. Sampling:-					
Ice-cream	14	-	-	-	-
Water	7	-	-	-	-
Other foods	43	-	-	-	-
9. Hairdressers and Barbers	23	-	1	1	-
0. Atmospheric Pollution	63	-	9	9	-
1. Markets	22	-	-	-	-
2. Disinfestation (Rodent and Insect)	1,770	-	1	1	-
3. Noise Abatement	10	-	6	6	-
4. O.S.R.P. Act	127	-	15	15	-
5. Miscellaneous	2	-	2	2	-
6. Visits in connection with Foot & Mouth outbreak	19	-	-	-	-
7. Pet Shops	2	-	1	1	-
8. Interviews	260	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLY:

Supplied by:-

Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board,  
The Grange,  
Hartford.

Tel. No. Northwich 74263

No. of Samples of Water  
taken during the year:-

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
By W.U.D.C.	7	-
By Water Board	36	-

Quantity:-

Satisfactory

Quality:-

Satisfactory

Plumbo-Solvent Action:-

None

\*Lead Determinations after  
6-hr. contact period:-

Less than 0.05 parts per million

P H Value:-

7.7

No. of Dwelling houses via  
mains to taps:-

6,089

Dwellings served by stand-pipes:- Nil

Dwellings served by Shallow  
Well:-

2

(These occupiers have been advised to boil all  
water before use as bacteriologically it is  
unsatisfactory)

\*Samples of water were taken from areas where there are lead feed pipes. These samples were taken to ascertain the concentration of lead in the water supply after a period of contact with the lead pipe. The limit of lead concentration recommended by the World Health Organisation is 0.05 parts per million.

## VERDIN OPEN AIR SWIMMING POOL

Attendance Figures (1967) 43,339

Attendance Figures (1968) 42,296

No. of Water Samples Taken:- 6 (All were satisfactory)

## REFUSE COLLECTION:

Under the Direction of the Engineer and Surveyor

Cycle of Collection:- Weekly

Refuse Tip:- Wades Lane, Bradford New Road

Other sites and means of disposal are being investigated.

Three continuous loading refuse collection vehicles are now operated by the Council.

## SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

The properties in Littler Lane are to be connected to the main sewerage system via sewers which will be provided to serve future development in the same area.

On two occasions, the Engineer and Surveyor has reported serious obstructions of the sewers due to blockage by Colostomy bags.

Trouble has also been experienced with the obstruction of house drains on new Council housing estates with Sanitary Towels. These houses are in Smoke Control Areas and are centrally heated, therefore there is normally no other method of disposal other than via the W.C.

Attempts have been made to induce the female occupants of these houses to attend demonstrations by a qualified nurse on proper methods of disposal, but unfortunately very few or even no tenants have put in an appearance.

It is now proposed that the District Health Visitor should visit houses in the areas where the trouble is prevalent and advise the lady occupants accordingly.

## INSECT CONTROL

It can be seen from the table below that there has been an increase in the number of treatments given by some ninety seven over 1967. This is a result of an increase in the number of inspections and reports by the Public Health Inspectors, in conjunction with the Housing Department.

Four insect control contracts are also held by the Council. These contracts are for 8-monthly treatments for each contract. These treatments are not included in the tabulated figures.

	Ants	Mites	Fleas	Bed-Bugs	Beetles	Others	Total
1965	42	7	7	7	6	18	87
1966	31	2	-	8	6	24	71
1967	41	8	1	21	5	43	119
1968	93	1	13	61	7	41	216



## RODENT CONTROL

Contracts are held by the Council with industrial and business premises in the town. These contracts provide for regular inspections and treatments of premises and this ensures that the rodent population is reduced to a minimum.

Rodent control on the Council's tip has been maintained at a satisfactory level by means of regular treatments. Recent inspection of the closed tips revealed very little rodent activity and treatments since the inspections have eradicated the rodents completely.

As can be seen from the table below there has been a considerable increase in the number of rodent treatments during the year. This can be attributed to the increase in building activity within the year.

1965	-	234 treatments covering rats, mice and moles
1966	-	166 treatments (98 rats, 10 moles and 58 mice infestations)
1967	-	276 treatments (190 rats, 5 moles and 81 mice infestations)
1968	-	385 treatments (213 rats, 10 moles and 162 mice infestations)

## LICENSED CARAVAN SITES:

There are five licensed Caravan Sites in the area, details of which are given below.

Site	Area (acres)	No. of Caravans	
		Residential	Recreational
1. 'Ideal' Caravan Site	2.73	26	29
2. Stock Hill	3.11	Nil	45
3. Newbridge Caravan Site	1.222	10	10
4. Stock Hill, Bottom Flash	3.0	Nil	46
5. Dock House, Caravan Site	0.87	Nil	9

Work is still progressing at one of the sites and on the other where work is outstanding, the owner is being pressed to complete as quickly as possible.

## REGISTRATION OF HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS:

Type	No. Registered
Ladies	18
Gents	3

CANAL BOATS:- Nil

SCRAP METAL DEALERS: 4

PET SHOPS:- 2

COMMON LODGING HOUSES:- Nil

KNACKERS YARDS:- Nil

OFFENSIVE TRADES:-

1

The C. W. S. Bacon Factory is registered under Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to undertake gut scraping, blood drying and bone boiling.

Much of the plant concerned has been renewed and no complaints regarding smells were received during the year.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

During the year a complaint in the form of a petition was received from residents on a private estate in close proximity to a factory on the Council's Industrial Estate.

The complaint concerned noise from two large fans on the cooling intakes at the top of a water tower at the end of the factory. Fan noise and turbulent air flow noise from the cooling air intakes was such that the nerves of people living in the vicinity were affected and their nights sleep was disturbed.

The Management of the factory were most co-operative, and a survey and measurement of noise levels over the various parts of the estate and at varying times of the day and night was undertaken by the staff of Salford University.

Expert advice was also sought from several other sources, by the Management of the factory concerned, but none of the advice offered appeared to be particularly conclusive.

However, after much consideration, it seemed that the only practical solution was to erect a soundproof baffle or screen around the fans. This was not as simple an undertaking as it sounds, due to the height of the tower and the fact that a platform had to be built out beneath the fans so that the baffle could be erected. Three firms were asked to undertake the work, two refused. The third carried out the work at a cost in the region of £4,000.

This action has reduced the noise to an acceptable level and so far no further complaints have been received.

The exercise does show however, that in some instances, the elimination of certain types of noise nuisance can be both difficult and expensive.

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# SECTION VII

The following table gives details of progress made in Smoke Control Areas up to the end of the year 1968

Locality	No.	Acres	Approx. No. of premises when fully developed			Operation of Order
			Houses	Other Premises	No. Occupied at 31.12.68.	
Grange Estate Council Houses Private Houses	1	112	1,050 43	8	1,050 4	1st January, 1961
Nun House Farm Estate, Crook Lane	2	38	375	10	209	1st April, 1963
Spring Bank Estate, off High Street	3	8	82	-	79	1st October, 1962
Over Hall Estate	4	225	2,320	13	447	1st September, 1963
Stewart's Estate Swanlow Lane	5	4	40	-	40	- do -
Westgate Estate off Delamere Street	6	3	19	-	19	- do -
Crook Lane Estate	7	43	679	7	684	- do -
Town Centre	8	20	14 (Maisonnettes)	165	43	1st July, 1966
Wharton Road West	9	155	-	17	4	1st May, 1968



S E C T I O N   V I I I

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1957

SLUM CLEARANCE:

YEAR	Number of Houses Demolished
1945 - 1965	227
1966	18
1967	16
1968	6
TOTAL	267

There are now only small pockets of sub-standard properties in the town which will require action for slum clearance.

Action under the Housing Act, 1957, will be instituted on these during the next two years.

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES:

The following grants have been approved:-

Standard	...	...	...	13
Discretionary	...	...	...	3

PROPOSED WHARTON ACTION AREA:

Survey work in Area 1 of the above Action Area, which comprises some 411 properties has commenced and will be completed in early 1969.

The properties are divided into those up to standard in all respects, those requiring repair and/or modernisation, premises with a limited life and property not capable of being made fit at reasonable expense.

The information collected in this survey will be passed to the Council's Consultants who can then assess areas of re-development and plan accordingly.

OVERCROWDING:

	No. of dwellings	No. of families	No. of persons
(a) The number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year, together with the number of families and the number of persons dwelling therein	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) The number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1968	4	6	36
(c) The number of cases of overcrowding relieved and the number of persons concerned in 1968	4	6	36
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses in respect of which L.A. have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding have again become overcrowded	Nil	Nil	Nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect to conditions in relation to overcrowding upon which the M.O.H. may consider desirable to report or which the Minister may from time to time require	Nil	Nil	Nil

COUNCIL HOUSING:

At the 31st December 1968, the Council owned 3,553 dwellings. The remaining 13 dwellings on the Crook Lane Estate were handed over in the early part of the year, thus completing this estate of 684 dwellings. 312 dwellings on the St. John's Estate were handed over and this estate, comprising 368 dwellings in total, was completed by the end of the year. The whole of the School Lane Estate, consisting of 302 dwellings, was completed between April and December. In addition, the block of 25 supervised flatlets with Warden accommodation, on the Grange Estate, was handed over in September. In total, 2,437 new dwellings have been built since Town Development started.

Work was well advanced on the Mount Pleasant Estate, comprising 750 dwellings, and first completions are expected early in the Spring of 1969.

681 tenancies were allocated during 1968, and these can be analysed as follows:-

Local Domestic Cases	.. .. .	103
Slum Clearance	.. .. .	12
Manchester Overspill	.. .. .	36
Liverpool Overspill	.. .. .	422
Other Industrial nominations	.. .. .	108
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		681
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TRANSFERS AND EXCHANGES:

120 tenants were transferred to alternative accommodation and 43 mutual exchanges of tenancy were authorised.

## HOUSING WAITING LIST:

In December 1968, the position was as follows:-

Applicants without separate accommodation  
(Lodgers) ... 40

Applicants with separate accommodation  
(Tenants, Owner/Occupiers) ... 42

Applicants living outside the Council's district ... 69

151

29 of the above applicants are over 60 years of age.

198 new applications were received during the year.



# SECTION IX

## FACTORIES

There are 106 registered factories in the area engaged in the industries detailed below.

Auto-Engineering	...	...	...	...	14
Bakeries	...	...	...	...	9
Builders	...	...	...	...	8
Clothing	...	...	...	...	9
Electro-Plating	...	...	...	...	1
Engineering	...	...	...	...	7
Electrical Engineering	...	...	...	...	3
Foundries	...	...	...	...	2
Corn Mills	...	...	...	...	1
Additives to Animal Feeding Stuffs	...	...	...	...	1
Plastic Coating	...	...	...	...	1
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	5
Salt Works	...	...	...	...	3
Tent Makers	...	...	...	...	1
Dairies	...	...	...	...	1
Leather Goods and Components	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	23
Works of Engineering Construction	...	...	...	...	16
					<u>106</u>

## OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)  (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council  (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists  (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises  (5)	Notices served  (6)	Prosecutions  (7)
Wearing apparel ) Making etc., ) Cleaning and ) Washing	23	-	-	-	-	-



# FACTORIES INSPECTION

## (1) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority	7	13	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	82	129	11	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	23	-	-
Totals	105	165	11	-

## (2) Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temp. (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	8	8	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	8	8	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table covers the period 1st January to 31st December, 1968:-

Table A

Registrations and General Inspections

	No. of premises registered during year	No. of premises registered at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection
Offices	4	45	31
Retail Shops	5	98	70
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	-	3	3
Catering Establishments open to public	-	4	23
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
Totals	9	150	127

Table B

Number of visits of all kinds by  
Inspectors to Registered Premises ... .. 130

Table C

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	350
Retail Shops	349
Wholesale Departments	108
Catering Establishments open to Public	39
Canteens	14
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	860
TOTAL MALES	396
TOTAL FEMALES	464

## SECTION X

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### FOOD PREMISES:

There are 207 food premises in the town, which are classified as follows:-

- 67 General groceries and provisions, including 4 outdoor beer licences
- 9 Premises with bakehouses and shops selling bread and confectionery
- 27 Licensed Premises
- 39 Premises selling sweets
- 6 Fish and Chip shops
- 9 Greengrocers, including 4 selling wet fish
- 15 Butchers Shops
- 24 Canteens
- 1 Ice-Cream Factory
- 5 Cafes
- 5 Dairies

Seventy of the above premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

#### FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises	No. of Premises	No. Complying with Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. Complying with Reg. 19
Licensed Premises	27	27	27	27
Cafes	5	5	5	5
Canteens	24	24	24	24
Grocery & General Provisions	67	67	67	67
Greengrocery (inc. Wet Fish)	9	9	9	9
Bakehouses	9	9	9	9
Confectioners (i.e. Sweets)	39	39	39	39
Fish, Chip and Pies	6	6	6	6
Butchers	15	15	15	15

#### NEW YORK DRESSED BIRDS:-

There are 41 shops in the district selling poultry. Of these, one shop sells New York Dressed Birds (i.e. without evisceration), and four, whilst being supplied with New York Dressed Birds, eviscerate them before sale to the public.

3 of the shops which eviscerate the birds on the premises also sell open food. The Managers have been informed of the very real risk of poultry carrying *Salmonellae* which are pathogenic to man, and their attention has been drawn to the requirements of Section 8 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.



### SAMPLING OF COOKED MEATS, ETC.

No. of Samples taken	...	...	...	43
No. of these satisfactory	...	...	...	42
No. of these unsatisfactory	...	...	...	1

#### Remarks:

The one unsatisfactory sample was in pre-packed pork sausage. The result was not too serious in view of the fact that the commodity would be subjected to cooking. Follow-up samples proved satisfactory.

### POULTRY INSPECTION

No. of Processing premises in the district ... Nil

### ICE-CREAM

Total no. of samples taken ... .. 15

#### Tabulation of Results:

<u>GRADE I</u>	<u>GRADE II</u>	<u>GRADE III</u>	<u>GRADE IV</u>
10	3	1	Nil

There is one premise in the town which is registered for the manufacture of ice-cream and similar products.

The factory is regularly inspected and ice-cream samples are regularly taken and submitted for laboratory examination.

Those samples have proved to be satisfactory.

### MILK SUPPLY:

No. of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations to sell pre-packed milk:- ... .. 26

The following tables show the results of tests on samples of milk taken by the County Council Inspectors:-

Table 1

Type of Test	Taken by C.C.		Taken by U.D.C.	
	Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.
1. Methylene Blue	129	3	-	1
2. Phosphatase	23	-	-	-
3. Turbidity	1	-	-	-

1. Measures the keeping quality of the milk.
2. Measures the efficiency of the Pasteurisation process.
3. Measures the efficiency of the Sterilising process.

Table 2

	Taken by C.C.		Taken by U.D.C.	
	Bulk	Individual	Bulk	Individual
Brucella Negative	28	-	-	-
Brucella Positive	-	-	-	-
Tubercular Negative	5	-	-	-
Tubercular Positive	-	-	-	-
Penicillin $\leq 0.05$ iu	24	-	-	-
Penicillin $> 0.05$ iu	-	-	-	-

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Total number of licences to slaughter ... .. 30  
animals issued

As follows:-

Full Licences ... .. 16  
To slaughter pigs only ... .. 12  
Provisional Licences ... .. 2

SLAUGHTERHOUSES:

No. of licensed slaughterhouses in  
the district ... .. 5

Food and Drugs Act, 1955Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

During the year, legal proceedings were instituted against a local firm of butchers on eight counts under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

The firm were found guilty on four of the charges and were fined a total of £60, the other four counts were dismissed.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	579	16	917	97,782
Number inspected	579	16	917	97,782
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	3	310
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	86	-	60	12,162
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	14.85%	-	6.87%	12.75%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	987
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	1.01%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-
Generalised ant totally condemned	-	-	-	-

#### UN SOUND FOOD

Total amount of other foods  
condemned ... 2,217 lbs.

No. of complaints received ... 9

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955 - COUNTY WEIGHTS & MEASURES DEPARTMENT

Inspectors of the above department took samples of 80 varied articles of food in the Winsford Urban District during 1968. Two of these samples were not up to standard, details of these unsatisfactory samples, which were investigated following complaints from private purchasers, were as follows:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	Pressed beef	Contained small insect resembling house fly	Sellers find £10 with £16. 9s. 6d. costs

<u>No.</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
2.	Orange Drink	Slight taste and odour of chlorophenol	Manufacturers cautioned

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