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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1970

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

Division Medical Officer,
County Offices,
Watling Street,
NORTHWICH,
Cheshire.



WINSFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health and Chief Public
Health Inspector, 1970

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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINSFORD

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR 1970

During the year 1970 the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector have taken place in order to report to the Council on the work done during the year. The Medical Officer of Health has been assisted by his Deputy, Mr. A. E. Jones, and the Chief Public Health Inspector has been assisted by his Deputy, Mr. G. E. Jones.

There has been an expansion of the administrative work with a corresponding increase in the staff of the office. These changes have of course, led to uncertainties and inevitable periods of distress for the staff involved. As far as possible this major change has been dealt with the greatest of courtesy to the staff and my thanks are due to the department administrative and clerical staffs for their loyalty and support through what has undoubtedly been a time of considerable re-organisation and re-orientation.

With regard to infectious diseases the Medical Officer of Health has been assisted by his Deputy, Mr. A. E. Jones, and the Chief Public Health Inspector has been assisted by his Deputy, Mr. G. E. Jones. The Medical Officer of Health has been assisted by his Deputy, Mr. A. E. Jones, and the Chief Public Health Inspector has been assisted by his Deputy, Mr. G. E. Jones.

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR 1970

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINSFORD

Telephone No:
Northwich 3961

County Offices,
Watling Street,
Northwich,
Cheshire.

August, 1971

To: the Chairman and Members of the
Winsford Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The past year has seen many important changes. The abolition of the Divisional Health Committees resulted largely from the setting up of the new Social Services Department. Because of this the annual report to the Divisional Health Committee previously included as an appendix to this report will not now appear in the future.

The Divisional Health Committees had remained in being since the National Health Service was created in 1948 and it was with great reluctance that the County Health Committee agreed to their being disbanded.

Another major change has been the setting up of the new Social Services Department. This meant the loss from the Health Department of the Mental Health Service, the Home Help Service and the Services for the Physically Handicapped and their transfer to the new Area Social Services Departments. Preparation for the setting up of the new department took place over very many months and involved the Divisional Health staff in much work preparing for the hand over.

As a result of County Health Department policy it has been necessary to fuse together existing divisions and to base divisional health administration on new combined divisions.

So far as the divisions of Runcorn and Mid-Cheshire are concerned many administrative changes have taken place in order to create a single large division. Initially this meant the loss of one of my Divisional Administrative Assistants, Mr. W. R. Jones, and the assumption of the administration of both divisions by my Divisional Administrative Assistant, Mr. S. R. Large.

There has been an expansion at one administrative centre with a corresponding contraction to a sub office at the other. These changes have, of course, led to uncertainties and inevitable changes of duties for the staff involved. So far as possible this major change was brought about with the minimum of trauma to the staff and my thanks are due to the divisional administrative and clerical staffs for their loyalty and support through what has undoubtedly been a time of considerable re-adjustment and re-orientation.

With regard to immunisation against infectious diseases the outbreak of diphtheria in a nearby large city again emphasised the important lesson that mothers must make every effort to have their children immunised by accepting the invitations sent to them by the Health Department. Only in this way, by maintaining a high immunisation rate, can serious infectious diseases such as this be kept under control.

Measles immunisation has been recommenced now that the national supply has improved and this is to be welcomed as there is still mortality and considerable morbidity from the complications resulting from measles infection. The introduction of rubella vaccination for your adolescent girls is a great advance and this should prevent babies in subsequent generations being born with severe handicaps due to the mother contracting the disease during pregnancy.

The County Scheme for computerised call up for cervical cytology commenced in Sept. 1970 and the response to date has been encouraging. It is hoped that this screening programme will identify pre-cancerous conditions of the cervix at a time when treatment can effect a complete cure.

The work of the public health inspectorate is largely taken for granted by the public and I should emphasize the vital role which the inspectors play in the maintenance of high standards in the environmental side of public health.

Reference to later pages of the report indicate environmental health matters dealt with during the year and show the wide variety and importance of their work.

The investigation of food poisoning cases and excretors, the tracing and surveillance of typhoid and other infectious disease contacts has been a frequent part of their work. Continental holidays are now common and invariably this brings with it contact tracing and surveillance of such potentially serious infectious diseases as typhoid fever. Returning holiday makers not infrequently become either cases or contacts of this disease especially if they have been to certain countries bordering the Mediterranean where purity of water supplies and clean food cannot always be guaranteed.

The latter highlights the important role of the public health inspectorate in the control of communicable diseases. Changes in the structure of local government at both first and second tier levels are imminent and in the re-organisation of local government and the health services it is vital that this important aspect of the control of communicable diseases will not be lost to sight.

My thanks are due to Mr. Rogerson, your Chief Public Health Inspector and his staff for their loyalty and support, to the Clerk and the chief officers of the council for their help and advice and to the chairman and members of the committee for their constant co-operation.

I have the honour to be

Your Obedient Servant,

J. E. O'MALLEY

Medical Officer of Health.

Over Hall,
Winsford,
Cheshire.

August, 1971

To: the Chairman and Members of the
Winsford Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In association with Dr. O'Malley, the Medical Officer of Health, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the environmental health of the district for 1970.

The Year has shown further progress in extending the Council's Clean Air Policy. The eleventh Smoke Control Area was declared covering the proposed one hundred acres of private housing development at Darnhall. Older properties in the proposed Improvement Areas, together with the older Council Housing Estates will be the subject of further orders.

The towns population has nearly doubled over the past ten years and this in its turn has brought problems not usually encountered in a normal small urban district. Industrialisation of the Town demands strict control over the emission of noxious gases and other wastes and the close co-operation with Her Majesty's Factory Inspectorate and Her Majesty's Alkali Inspector on the working environments.

The increased quantity and variety of food offered for sale to the public and the large number of meals consumed in works canteens and similar premises calls for constant supervision and education of the food handlers, by the Public Health Inspectors if the danger of food poisoning is to be avoided. Although a number of cases were notified during the year none was confirmed after investigation.

The satisfactory state of environmental health in the district is largely due to the small public health team which works in the background and I would like to express my appreciation to my Deputy Mr. Lamb, and to the other Inspectors for their good work during the year under review.

Yours Obediently,

T. H. ROGERSON,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

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Yours faithfully,

T. E. ROBERTS,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

TOWN SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Councillor G. C. T. Tomlinson

S T A F F

Medical Officer of Health

J. E. O'MALLEY M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., 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 Divisions.

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

Senior Public Health
Inspector

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

Additional Public Health
Inspector

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

Authorised Meat Inspectors

B. Porter F. Breeze

Trainee Meat Inspector

J. Malek

Pest Control Operator

J. Williams

THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Consultant G. C. T. Tomlinson

STAFF

Medical Director of Health

J. W. O'NEILL M.B.C.S., F.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Other Consultants: The Medical Director of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for Northwich, North and South District Councils, Mancunian Urban District Council, Macclesfield Urban District Council and Macclesfield Health Officer to the N.I.H. Committee and Mancunian Division.

Chief Public Health Inspector & District Officer

T.R. Raymond, M.B.C.S., M.A.P.H.I.
Govt. S.S.H. West & Other Posts

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

T. Lamb, M.B.C.S., M.A.P.H.I.
Govt. S.S.H. West & Other Posts

Additional Public Health Inspectors

H. Jolliffe, M.B.C.S.
M.A.P.H.I.
Govt. S.S.H.
West & Other Posts

Senior Public Health Inspectors

A.D. Clarke, M.B.C.S.,
M.A.P.H.I.,
Govt. S.S.H.
West & Other Posts

Assistant Public Health Inspectors

B. Foster, V. Brown

Public Health Inspectors

L. White

Post Control Inspectors

J. Williams

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SECTION I

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) COMPARATIVE GENERAL STATISTICS - 1969/70

	Year	
	1969	1970
Population (Estimated Mid-Year)	22,050	23,380
Area (Acres of District)	7,094	7,094
Rateable Value	£750,457	£868,730
Product of Penny Rate (Actual)	£3,931	£3,936
Estimated number of inhabited dwellings	6,996	7,284

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Comparable Figs. for England & Wales</u>
Legitimate	296	289	585	
Illegitimate	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>32</u>	
	316	301	617	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population			26.4	
*Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (Comparability Factor 0.83).			21.9	16.0
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total			5.0	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>Still-Births</u>	7	1	8	
<u>Live and Still-Births</u>	323	302	625	
Still-Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and Still-Births			13.0	13.0
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	11	7	18	

*See Page 2.

Infant Mortality RatesComparable Figs.
for England & Wales

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live Births ..	29.0	18.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks).. per 1,000 total Live Births	21.0	12.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one .. week) per 1,000 total Live Births	19.0	11.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still-Births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still-Births)	32.0	23.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	Nil	

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	121	99	220
Death Rate per 1,000 population			9.4
*Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population (Comparability Factor 1.66)			15.6
			11.7

*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, Buccal Cavity	1	-	1
2. Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	2	2
3. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	3	5
4. Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	4	6
5. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	10	2	12
6. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3	3
7. Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-	2
8. Other Malignant Neoplasms	3	3	6
9. Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1
10. Diabetes Mellitus	-	3	3
11. Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	1	3
12. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	3	3	6
13. Hypertensive Disease	5	1	6
14. Ischaemic Heart Disease	25	13	38
15. Other Forms of Heart Disease	6	8	14
16. Cerebrovascular Disease	17	17	34
17. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	4	4
18. Influenza	5	1	6
19. Pneumonia	2	7	9
20. Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	4	10

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	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
21. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	2	4
22. Peptic Ulcer	1	1	2
23. Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
24. Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
25. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
26. Hyperlasia of Prostate	1	-	1
27. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
28. Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	2	2
29. Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
30. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	4	1	5
31. Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	3	3	6
32. Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	2	3	5
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	9	2	11
34. All Other Accidents	1	2	3
35. Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	-	2
36. All Other External Causes	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>121</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>220</u>

SECTION II

HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the statutory and voluntary Health and Welfare Services in the area may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Office, County Offices, Watling Street, Northwich. Telephone number Northwich 3961.

(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 3355.

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.

SECTION IV

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the year 1969 and 1970.

DISEASE	Cases Notified	
	1969	1970
Measles	28	206
Scarlet Fever	1	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	0
Infectious Hepatitis	23	18
Food Poisoning	11	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	4

SECTION V

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

Growth in the population of Winsford continued during the year with the majority of the incoming people originating from Liverpool.

Housing

The first houses on the Mount Pleasant Estate were completed and occupied, and the whole estate, which will contain 750 houses is due for completion early 1971. Work was commenced on the sub-centre, which will comprise of a supermarket, four shops, a community centre, and a public house. The shops are due for completion in mid 1971 and a start will be made on the Community Centre about the same time. Private housing development in the Planning Brief Area continued to expand and will continue to do so until this area is completed in 1972. A start will then be made on Area 14 adjoining Darnhall, School Lane, on which about 640 private houses will be built.

Health Centres

The new town centres, Health Centre is the only Health Centre in the town to be programmed and this is due to start in 1971. A temporary Health Centre was opened in a converted council house on Mount Pleasant Estate and this has been found to be a great advantage to the residents in this area.

Social Amenities

The Winsford Old Peoples Welfare Council, The Winsford Arts Society and the Winsford Sports Council continue to flourish. A scheme has been prepared for an Old Persons Day Centre to be built in the town centre and this will be built in conjunction with the second phase of the shopping centre. It is anticipated that work will start on this project in mid 1971 and should be completed in mid 1972. Three Old Persons Clubs now operate on a weekly basis and one club on a fortnightly basis. The Supervised Accommodation at Grange Court is fully occupied and the tenants appear to be very satisfied with their accommodation. An arrangement is being made with the Help the Aged Housing Association to build another block of similar accommodation on Crock Lane Estate and it is hoped that a start will be made on this building during 1971.

Industry

The Councils industrial development programme has created over 5,300 new jobs on the Winsford Industrial Estate and a total of 34 factories have been erected, providing over 2½ million square feet of factory space.

Throughout the years the construction of new developments has continued, but the predominant feature has been the construction of extensions to existing factories, ranging from extensive office and canteen facilities, to the normal factory production area.

More new properties are now at the design stage for construction during the coming year and further enquiries continue to be made despite the national recession in industrial development.

SECTION VI

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Statement of Inspection made and Notices issued

Nature of Inspections made	Numbers	Number of Notices Served		Results of Service of Notices	
		Statutory	Informal	Notices complied with	Remaining in hand
1. Dwelling-house (General)	759	5	17	21	1
2. Overcrowding	2	-	1	1	-
3. Tents, Sheds, Caravans	23	-	1	1	-
4. Septic Tanks, W.C.'s	17	-	1	1	-
5. House Drainage	41	5	1	5	-
6. Ditches, Water Courses, Etc.	2	-	2	-	-
7. Offensive Accumulations	9	-	2	2	-
8. Keeping of Animals	2	-	2	2	-
9. Offensive Trades	3	-	-	-	-
10. Private Slaughterhouses	1097	-	8	14	-
11. Premises where food is produced or sold	104	-	31	30	1
12. Dairies	-	-	-	-	-
13. Factories and other premises under the Act.	195	-	17	17	-
14. Places of Amusement	3	-	-	-	-
15. Filthy or verminous premises	209	-	19	11	-
16. Water supply	4	-	2	2	-
17. Infectious diseases	14	-	-	-	-
18. Sampling:-					
Ice-Cream	17	-	-	-	-
Water	3	-	-	-	-
Other foods	-	-	-	-	-
19. Hairdressers and Barbers	11	-	-	-	-
20. Atmospheric Pollution	23	-	5	4	1
21. Markets	9	-	1	1	-
22. Disinfestation (Rodent and insect)	1343	-	11	11	-
23. Noise Abatement	2	-	2	2	-
24. O.S.R.P. Act	149	-	3	3	-
25. Miscellaneous	6	-	-	-	-
26. Pet Shops	1	-	-	-	-
27. Interviews	301	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLY:

IV 1012028

Supplied by:-

Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board,
The Grange,
Hartford, Northwich. Telephone No.
Northwich 74263.

Quantity:-

Satisfactory

Quality:-

Satisfactory

Plumbo-Solvent Action:-

None

Lead Determination after 6-Hr. Contact:-

Less than 0.05 parts per million.

P. H. Value:-

7.7

No. of dwellings via mains to taps:-

7,681

Dwellings served by standpipes:-

Nil

*Dwellings served by Shallow Well:-

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No. of samples of Water taken during the year:-
(Bacteriological)

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
By W.U.D.C.	2	-
By Water Board	63	-

No. of samples of Water taken during the year:-
(Chemical)

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
By W.U.D.C.	1	-

*These occupiers have been advised to boil all water before use, as bacteriologically it is unsatisfactory.

VERDIN OPEN AIR SWIMMING POOL

Location:

Rilshaw Lane, Winsford.

Under Direction of:-

L. E. Wakefield, C.Eng.F.I.Mun.E.,
Engineer and Surveyor,
Over Hall,
Winsford.

Attendance Figures:-

1968 - 42,296
1969 - 52,898
1970 - 48,594

No. of Samples taken:-

7 - All Satisfactory

During the closed season a new filtration plant was installed and alterations to pipework were made.

REFUSE COLLECTION

(Continued)

<u>Under the Direction of:-</u>	L. E. Wakefield, C. Eng., F.I.Mun.E., Engineer and Surveyor, Over Hall, Winsford.
<u>Cycle of Collection:-</u>	Weekly
<u>Refuse Tip:-</u>	Wades Lane, Bradford Road.
<u>No. of Vehicles Operated:-</u>	3
<u>Weekly Average of Premises Collected:-</u>	8,000
<u>No. of Cesspools and Septic Tanks Emptied:-</u>	7 cesspools, 14 pails + 8 temporary, 46 septic tanks.

The Council continues to operate a free collection service for large domestic articles which may otherwise be indiscriminately dumped by the owners.

In 1970, 43 abandoned cars were collected and disposed of.

With the completion of the Littler Lane Sewerage Scheme there will be some reduction in the number of cesspools and pails emptied.

SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

<u>Sewage Works:-</u>	Wades Lane, Bradford Road,
<u>Under Direction of:-</u>	L. E. Wakefield, C.Eng., F.I.Mun.E., Engineer and Surveyor, Over Hall, Winsford.
<u>Sewage Works Manager:-</u>	To be appointed
<u>Telephone No.</u>	Winsford 3396

The Wades Lane Sewage Works is operating satisfactorily and is still within its overall design capacity. Five samples were taken by Inspectors of the Mersey & Weaver River Authority during the year from this, the main works, and all were satisfactory

The volume of sewage received at the Wades Lane works was 519,840,000 gallons, slightly less than in 1969, influenced no doubt by the considerably lower rainfall of 30.580" compared with 37.595" in 1969. Of the 519,840,000 gallons received, 515,180,000 gallons (99.1%) received full treatment, the other 4,660,000 gallons (0.9%) being discharged to the river during storm conditions after the removal of floating debris, grit and suspended solids.

It was possible to take Dry Weather Flow reading on only 8 occasions, as, although it was a relatively dry year, the dry spells were not prolonged. The average DWF was 1,106,000 gallons which is again a slight reduction on last years figure of 1,170,000 gallons, influenced in this case by the closure of the Crewe Electroplating Works and a reduction in water usage at the Bacon Factory.

Sewage Pumping Stations are maintained and operated at Hill Street, Church Street, Market Place, Weaver Street and Woodford Lane.

In addition to the main sewage works, the Council operate small sewage works at Whitegate, Meadow Bank and Clive. Three samples were taken by River Authority Inspectors during the year, the only unsatisfactory one being from the Clive Works which will require increased maintenance this year. The bad samples was nevertheless an isolated one and the effluent from all 4 sewage works is almost invariably of high standard.

INFESTATION

Year	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
1969	101	0	5	89	13	31	239
1970	88	0	21	11	19	56	195

21 properties were fumigated after end of tenancy due to the poor state of cleanliness found, because although there was no evidence visible of actual infestation, this precaution was felt necessary.

RODENT CONTROL

Year	Rats	Mice	Total
1967	190	81	271
1968	213	162	375
1969	137	100	237
1970	183	154	337

LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

There are at present 5 licensed caravan sites in the district as follows:-

Sites	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, Botton Flash	3.0	Nil	59
5. Dock House Caravan Site	0.87	Nil	9

During the year, the caravan site licence No. 4 previously held by Mr. J. G. Wilde of Somerford, Congleton, was transferred to Craiglwyd Hall (Caravans) Ltd. An application for an extension to this site, for which planning permission was given during the year, is at present being dealt with.

REGISTRATIONS

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<u>Hairdressers and Barbers:</u>	Ladies	19		
	Gents	3		
<u>Canal Boats:</u>	Nil			
<u>Scrap Metal Dealers:</u>	4			
<u>Common Lodging Houses:</u>	Nil			
<u>Knackers Yards:</u>	Nil			
<u>Offensive Trades:</u>	1			

The Winsford Bacon Company is registered under Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to undertake gut scraping, blood drying and home boiling.

SECTION VIII

SMOKE CONTROL AREAS

<u>No. of Areas:</u> <u>(in operation)</u>	9		
<u>Total Acreage:</u>	608 acres		
<u>Total No. of Dwellings</u> <u>in above when developed:</u>	4,648		
<u>Total No. Completed at</u> <u>31st December, 1970:</u>	3,464		

During the year, two smoke control orders were made in exercise of powers conferred on the Council by Section 11 of the Clean Air Act, 1956.

These were the Winsford No. 10 (Roeburst Lane) Smoke Control Order, 1970 and the Winsford No. 11 (Darnhall) Smoke Control Order, 1970. Both orders were made on the 12th May, 1970.

The Roeburst Lane Order affects new development, comprising when complete, 100 dwellings and becomes operative on the 1st July, 1971.

The Winsford No. 11 (Darnhall) Smoke Control Order affects 36 existing properties and 600 private houses to be developed. Of the existing properties approximately 23 will require some conversion. However objections were received by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government from 7 residents in the area affected and a public local inquiry was held at the Council Offices on the 15th December, 1970.

SECTION VIII

HOUSING ACT

1957

Year	No. of Houses Demolished
1945 - 1965	227
1966	18
1967	16
1968	6
1969	17
1970	7
TOTAL:	291

No. of houses closed during the year:

4

Improvement Grants Approved:

Standard 22
Discretionary 6

No. of Council Houses built:

539

No. of Private Houses built:

121

No. of Applications for Cer. of disrepair:

Nil

Total No. of Council owned dwellings:

4,244

Houses continued to be completed on the Mount Pleasant Estate and by the end of 1970 715 out of a total of 750 dwellings on the estate had been handed over.

In total 3,152 new dwellings have been built since Town Development started.

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 1970.	1	2	10
(c) The number of cases of overcrowding relieved and the number of persons concerned in 1970	1	2	10
(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

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

Allocation of Tenancies

Local Domestic Cases	132
Slum Clearance	2
Manchester Overspill	17
Merseyside Overspill	464
Other Industrial Nominations	<u>81</u>
	696
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HOUSING WAITING LIST

On the Housing Waiting list 31 of the applicants are over 60 years of age and 275 new applications were received during the year. A breakdown of the Housing Waiting list is as follows:-

Applicants without separate accommodation (Lodgers).	61
Applicant with separate accommodation (Tenants, Owner/occupiers).	43
Applicants living outside the Council's District.	<u>79</u>

183

SECTION IX

CONTINUED

FACTORIES

There are 114 registered factories in the area engaged in the industries detailed below.

	Auto-Engineering	16	(a)
114	Bakeries	7	
01	Builders	8	(b)
	Clothing	10	
01	Electro-Plating	-	(c)
	Engineering	10	
	Electrical Engineering	3	(b)
114	Foundries	2	
	Corn Mills	1	
	Additives to Animal Feeding Stuffs	1	(e)
	Plastic Coating	2	
114	Slaughterhouses	4	
	Salt Works	3	
	Tent Makers	1	
	Dairies	1	
	Leather Goods and Components	2	
	Miscellaneous	31	
	Works of Engineering Construction	<u>12</u>	
		<u>114</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	31	-	-	-	-	-

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 Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority	10	23	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	92	153	17	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	19	-	-
Totals	114	195	19	-

FACTORIES INSPECTION

(2) Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars	Number of cases 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)	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	6	6	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table covers the period 1st January to 31st December, 1970.

-	11	11	11	11	11
-	-	11	11	11	11
-	11	11	11	11	11

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	1	49	35
Retail Shops	-	104	104
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	-	5	5
Catering Establishments open to Public	-	4	4
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	1
Totals	1	163	149

Table B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises .. 168

Table C

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	386
Retail Shops	440
Wholesale Departments	119
Catering Establishments open to the public	34
Canteens	14
Fuel Storage Depots	1
TOTAL	994
TOTAL MALES	431
TOTAL FEMALES	563

SECTION X

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Much time has been spent by the Public Health Inspectors on visiting food premises and giving advice and warnings where necessary.

This time has been mainly concentrated on premises where food most likely to give rise to food poisoning is sold or manufactured.

Due to pressure of work at the Public Health Laboratory, the sampling of cooked meats was temporarily suspended.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

TYPE	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	30	30	30	30
Grocery & General Provisions	69	69	69	69
Greengrocery (Inc. Wet Fish)	9	9	9	9
Bakehouses	8	8	8	8
Confectioners (i.e. Sweets)	40	40	40	40
Fish, Chips and Pies	6	6	6	6
Butchers	12	12	12	12

SAMPLING

SAMPLING OF ICE-CREAM	
No. of samples falling into Grade I	11
No. of samples falling into Grade II	6
No. of samples falling into Grade III	-
No. of samples falling into Grade IV	-
Total No. of samples taken	17

MILK SUPPLY

No. of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations to sell pre-packed milk:- 29.

Type of Test	Taken by C.C.		Taken by U.D.C.	
	Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.
1. Methylene Blue	129	7	-	-
2. Phosphatase	60	-	-	-
3. Turbidity	5	-	-	-

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

MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

	Total Submitted:	No. Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	4	-
Dealer Samples (Herd Samples)	20	-
Individual Cow Samples	-	-
Total:-	24	-

At the end of 1970 there were 3 dairy herds in the district, of which 1 is accredited under the Brucellosis (Accredited Herds) Scheme, from which milk was sold raw to the public.

		Taken by C.C.		Taken by U.D.C.	
		Bulk	Individual	Bulk	Individual
Brucella	Negative	29	-	-	-
Brucella	Positive	2	-	-	-
Tubercular	Negative	8	-	-	-
Tubercular	Positive	-	-	-	-
Penicillin	< 0.05iu	11	-	-	-
Penicillin	> 0.05iu	-	-	-	-

MEAT INSPECTION

During the year 19 bacteriological examinations of borderline carcasses were carried out in the departments own laboratory, resulting in 3 carcasses being passed for manufacturing purposes, which otherwise would have been condemned.

In conditions where cancerous tissue is found the results of specialist examination are of great value to the department, both in broadening our knowledge of such conditions and in assessing the fitness or otherwise of a carcass. In such cases a specimen is forwarded to the Department of Veterinary Pathology at the University of Liverpool, where the material and associated report may also prove useful for research and teaching purposes.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Total number of licences to slaughter animals issued

19

as follows:-

Full Licences

11

To slaughter pigs only

8

Provisional Licences

-

Slaughterhouses:

No. of licenced slaughterhouses in the district

4

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed	373	-	997	78,688
Number Inspected	373	-	997	78,688
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	189
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	13	-	118	10,684
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysterai	3.49%	-	11.84%	13.82%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	850
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1.08%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-

UNSCOUND FOOD

Total amount of other food
condemned 27,263lbs. 5ozs.

No. of complaints received 9

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The Cheshire County Council Weights and Measures Inspectors took 92 varied articles of food in the Winsford Urban District during 1970. 2 of these samples which were complaints from private purchasers were not up to standard.

<u>From</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Housewife	A Beefburger which was impregnated with neat, consisted of an elastic finger plaster.	Fined £25.00 Costs £13.65
Housewife	Cooked chicken which was contaminated with mould.	Fined £10.00 with £4.70 costs.
	J. E. O'MALLEY Medical Officer of Health	
	T. H. ROGERSON Chief Public Health Inspector.	



