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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINSFORD



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1972

by the
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and the
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Cheshire.

Tel. No. Northwich 3961

October, 1973

TO: The Chairman and Members of the
Winsford Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

During the year further consolidation of existing health services has taken place but day to day work has, to a great extent, been overshadowed by the impending Reorganisation of Local Government and the National Health Service, both scheduled to take place on 1st April, 1974.

Primary health team care is now accepted as the normal pattern of general practice throughout the country. Groups of General Practitioners with attached Nursing Staff comprising Health Visitors, District Nurses and Midwives work together as a team either from purpose built Health Centres or from group practice premises.

As many of the problems which present themselves to the General Practitioner have as their main element a social factor or cause, it is important that the links between the Health Service and Social Services Department continue to be strengthened. In many Health Centres and County Clinics, accommodation has been provided for the Social Services Department to hold family advisory sessions. It is important that all primary health care teams are able to obtain regular help from a member of the Social Services Department. One way of achieving this is for a nominated Social Services Officer to be responsible for regular contact with particular group practices. This is already taking place in certain parts of the County and its extension is not only desirable, but essential. Anticipating closer links between the new National Health Service and the Social Services Departments of local authorities after the 1st April, 1974, this is one example of the way in which the two services can be brought closer together for the benefit of the patient or the client.

The integrated child health screening programme introduced on the 1st January, 1972, is working well. Children are screened at pre-determined ages and these simple checks are undertaken alternately by doctors and nurses who have received special training. The child is seen at the age of 6 weeks, 9 months, 2 years and 3 years. At 4½ years he will be invited for a pre-school medical examination as at present.

Other screening procedures have been continued and extended. These include arrangements for cervical cytology and the testing of female staff from schools and other departments for their immunity to Rubella. The latter can now be offered vaccination which gives protection to subsequent unborn children from the adverse effects of German measles.

The greater part of this report deals with a wide variety of environmental health matters which have been dealt with during the year. The supervision and surveillance of communicable diseases cases and contacts continues to demand a considerable portion of the time of the Public Health Inspectors. The importation of infectious diseases from tropical and sub-tropical regions is a constant hazard especially due to the rapidity of modern air travel and such serious diseases as smallpox can be introduced into the Country in this way. The trend for foreign holidays continues and this in turn is reflected in an increase in the work of the Public Health Inspectorate in this important aspect of the control of communicable disease.

It is my opinion that the radical changes which will occur in traditional public health departments in 1974 has been made possible only by the painstaking work of the Public Health Inspectors on the one hand, and by the continued programme of immunisation and vaccination on the other. The general public now take for granted, and indeed demand clean air, clean food, clean water and many other aspects of a healthy environment.

It is only by thorough day to day work that the Public Health Inspectors have been able to bring this about and they are to be congratulated on the many successes which they have achieved in the environmental field since 1948. It is absolutely essential that their work continues and that after 1st April, 1974 the closest links are maintained between the new Local Government District Environmental Officers and the Medical Officers of the new Area Health Authority. There are still many serious infectious diseases and conditions which for their control need the closest co-operation between Doctors and Public Health Inspectors.

My thanks are due to Mr. Rogerson, the Chief Public Health Inspector and his staff for their loyalty and support, to the Clerk and 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.

October, 1973

TO: The Chairman and Members of the
WINSFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In association with Dr. O'Malley, the Divisional Medical Officer of Health, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the district for 1972.

As this is the last Annual Report which will be considered by the Urban District Council for Winsford, it may be an opportune time to review progress in Environmental Health during the post-war years.

Two of the fields in which progress has been outstanding have been those of Housing and Clean Air.

With the introduction of the first five year slum clearance programme in 1955, slum clearance saw an impetus during the period up to 1960 and with the second five year programme meant that a total of 227 houses had been cleared between 1945 and 1965. A further 68 houses were cleared between 1965 and 1972, maintaining an average of between 10 and 11 houses per year. Having cleared the major portion of sub-standard houses not capable of repair at reasonable cost, attention now concentrates on the improvement of houses both individually and in improvement areas and in this field there is the utmost co-operation between the Building Inspector's Section of the Engineer and Surveyor's Department and the Public Health Department.

In the field of improvement areas, much work yet remains to be done.

Although the work of Clean Air has mainly gone unsung, there has been great progress in this sphere and one has only to look back and remember the pall of black smoke which persisted in the old centre of the town some 15-18 years ago and compare this with the present modern industrial estate and the state of the air in that vicinity, and in the new town centre which is covered by a smoke control order.

Since the implementation of the first Clean Air Act in 1956, eleven smoke control areas have been made operative covering some 708 acres and ~~4,054~~ properties. It is interesting to note that at one period Winsford was the only local authority not listed as a black area, which has 75% of the properties in its area covered by smoke control orders.

Food Hygiene has also progressed over the years, more and more emphasis has resulted in food shops being better equipped and more pre-packed food being on sale. This improvement brings its problems in another way, that of date coding and means that more vigilance is needed both on the part of the Customer, the Public Health Inspector and the Retailer. All food shops are circulated from time to time to ensure that stock-rotation is properly carried out insofar as the inspection of food is concerned, the implementation of the Imported Food Regulations, 1968 has meant visits to warehouses to inspect food containers as they arrive, these not being subject to inspection at the port of entry. Meat inspection plays a vital part in Winsford's Public Health Service and has seen major improvements over the last ten years with 100% of carcasses inspected and the establishment of the department's own small laboratory.

Changing circumstances in the Environment bring other problems and as the public becomes more aware of these, so new issues face the Public Health Inspectorate. Probably the most recent of these are the problems of noise and in particular those dwellings situated in close proximity to industrial premises where particular processes and equipment present certain problems.

The future trend will probably follow that of clean air in the establishment of noise control areas.

At the time of writing, Local Government Reorganisation has meant a change in the staffing of the Public Health Section, Mr. Rogerson, the Environmental Group Leader having left to take up a new post in an adjoining area. In writing this report therefore, I would like to pay tribute to him and to thank Dr. O'Malley for his help and advice and to express my appreciation to the members of the Public Health Staff for their good, and at times most difficult work, during the year.

Yours obediently,

(F. LAMB)
Acting Chief Public Health Inspector

TOWN SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Councillor G.T.C. 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 and Estates Officer

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

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

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

Senior Public Health Inspector

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

Additional Public Health Inspector


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

Authorised Meat Inspectors

B. Porter, F. Breeze, J. Malek

Pest Control Operator

J. Williams



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SECTION I

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) COMPARATIVE GENERAL STATISTICS - 1971/72

	Year	
	1971	1972
Population (Estimated Mid-Year)	24,840	25,860
Area (Acres of District)	7,094	7,094
Rateable Value	£983,942	£3,432,271
Product of Penny Rate (Actual)	£11,431	£11,537
Estimated number of inhabited dwellings	7,461	7,866

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	Comparable Figs. for England & Wales
Legitimate	284	256	540	
Illegitimate	<u>25</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>42</u>	
	309	273	582	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population			22.5	
*Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (Comparability Factor 0.88)			19.8	14.8
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total			7.0	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>Still-Births</u>	7	7	14	
<u>Live and Still-Births</u>	316	280	596	
Still-Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and Still-Births			23.0	12.0
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	8	8	16	

* See Page 2

Infant Mortality RatesComparable Figures
for England & Wales

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live Births	27.0	17.0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks) per 1,000 total Live Births	22.0	12.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week) per 1,000 total Live Births	19.0	10.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still-Births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still-Births)	42.0	22.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	N I L	

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Causes	113	92	205
Death Rate per 1,000 population			7.9
* Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population (Comparability Factor 1.67)			13.2

* 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. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
2. Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.	1	-	1
3. Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-	1
4. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	2	5
5. Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	4	7
6. Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	-	1
7. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	9	4	13
8. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4	4
9. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1

Causes of Death

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Prostrate	3	-	3
11. Leukaemia	1	1	2
12. Other Malignant Neoplasms	3	6	9
13. Anaemias	-	1	1
14. Mental Disorders	-	1	1
15. Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	1	1
16. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1
17. Hypertensive Disease	1	1	2
18. Ischaemic Heart Disease	37	10	47
19. Other Forms of Heart Disease	6	4	10
20. Cerebrovascular Disease	6	23	29
21. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	4	10
22. Pneumonia	3	5	8
23. Bronchitis and Emphysema	10	4	14
24. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
25. Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
26. Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
27. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	2	3
28. Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	2	2
29. Congenital Anomalies	1	1	2
30. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	4	6	10
31. Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	1	3
32. Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	2	1	3
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
34. All Other Accidents	3	-	3
35. Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	1	2
	<u>113</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>205</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.

S E C T I O N I I I

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-1951

Sections 47 and 50

It was necessary to undertake the burial of one male an public expense.

S E C T I O N I V

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the years 1971 and 1972.

	Cases Notified	
	1971	1972
Measles	7	103
Infectious Hepatitis	3	20
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-
Whooping Cough	-	1
Meningitis	-	1

SECTION V

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

Housing

The only Council dwellings completed were 2 disabled persons bungalows but the technical work for the erection of 44 bungalows at Bakers Lane is well advanced. Consideration is being given to further development on other sites.

In the private housing field the increased progress forecast has been achieved. The number of completions during the year was 306 against 142 last year. This brings up the total completions since the inception of town development to 1,177. In 1973 the level of completions should be very similar as 182 dwellings are under constructions and work is about to commence in Area 8 where 132 dwellings will be built. Additionally, 37 flatlets are to be constructed on Crook Lane Estate and erection work should start in Area 14. There has been some delay in developing Area 14 due to difficulty in settling levels of compensation but now references have been made to the Lands Tribunal, this should be speeded up. Ultimately about 400 dwellings will be erected in this Area.

Health Centre

Work is well advanced on the new town centre health centre.

Social Amenities

During the year the impetus in the development of amenities has accelerated. This has been due in part to the inception of the Special Environmental Assistance Scheme and the helpful attitude of the Department in its application to Winsford. This was certainly an area in which we received sympathetic treatment.

Industry

During the year only 49,600 sq. ft. of factory space was completed on the Council's Industrial Estate compared to 109,100 sq. ft. the previous year. However, a start was made on 3 other schemes totalling 83,000 sq. ft. and a further 2 schemes were being processed to contract stage.

A decline of 206 in the employment on the Council's Industrial Estate in 1972 following, as it does, the small growth of 70 in 1971, is both disappointing and disquieting. Every effort is being made to attract new industry and will continue to be made, but in the present climate this can only be a difficult and uphill task.

SECTION VI

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Statement of Inspection made and Notice 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)	1145	2	31	31	2
2. Overcrowding	2	-	2	2	-
3. Tents, Sheds, Caravans	5	-	2	2	-
4. Septic Tanks, W.C.'s	17	-	5	5	-
5. House Drainage	15	-	7	7	-
6. Ditches, Water Courses etc.	4	-	1	-	1
7. Offensive Accumulations	3	-	3	3	-
8. Keeping of Animals	1	-	1	1	-
9. Offensive Trades	1	-	1	1	-
10. Private Slaughterhouses	1214	-	3	3	-
11. Premises where food is produced or sold	210	-	-	-	-
12. Dairies	-	-	-	-	-
13. Factories and other premises under the Act	86	-	2	2	-
14. Places of Amusement	1	-	-	-	-
15. Filthy or verminous premises	300	-	7	7	-
16. Water Supply	7	-	-	-	-
17. Infectious diseases	256	-	-	-	-
18. Sampling :-					
Water (including swimming bath water)	30	-	-	-	-
Other foods	-	-	-	-	-
19. Hairdressers and Barbers	6	-	-	-	-
20. Atmospheric Pollution	19	-	2	2	-
21. Markets	4	-	1	1	-
22. Disinfestation (Rodent and insect)	1314	-	3	3	-
23. Noise Abatement	23	-	4	1	3
24. O.S.R.P. Act	130	-	12	12	-
25. Miscellaneous	31	-	1	1	-
26. Pet Shops	2	-	-	-	-
27. Interviews	301	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLY:

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 hour contact: Less than 0.05 parts per million

P.H. Value: 7.5

No. of dwellings via mains to taps: 7,865

Dwellings served by shallow well: 1

Dwellings served by standpipes Nil

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

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
By W.U.D.C.	4	-
By Water Board	65	-

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

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
By W.U.D.C.	2	-

Refuse Collection and Disposal under direction of -

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

Cycle of Collection Weekly

<u>Refuse Tip</u>	Wades Lane, off Bradford Road
<u>No. of vehicles operated</u>	3
<u>Weekly average of premises collected</u>	<u>11,417</u> bins <u>61</u> large bins from shop premises

The Council continues to operate a free collection service for large domestic articles which may otherwise be indiscriminately dumped by the owners. A number of proprietary bulk refuse containers have been acquired and are positioned at various points in the town where the habitual deposit of rubbish has taken place. The Council collect trade refuse from premises for which a charge is made.

175 abandoned derelict cars were disposed of in 1972. Agreement has been given to the extension of the Wades Lane Refuse Tip and the necessary engineering work of culverting the stream is being carried out prior to making the area available.

The implementation of the Poisonous Wastes Act 1972 has led to greater control being exercised on the Council's Tip, which only accepts waste coming within the exempted categories. No tip is operated within the Winsford area which accepts poisonous or hazardous waste.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

<u>Main Sewage Works</u>	Wades Lane, off Bradford Road
<u>Under the direction of</u>	L.E. Wakefield, C.Eng.F.I. Mun.E. Engineer and Surveyor, Over Hall, Winsford
<u>Sewage Works Manager</u>	D.S. Gilligan
<u>Telephone No.</u>	Winsford 3396

Although the main Sewage Works is carrying out satisfactory treatment to the flow, the volume of sludge produced from the settling tanks is in excess of the capacity of the sludge drying beds. The Council has, therefore, authorised temporary measures to be taken to deal with this problem pending the implementation of a major scheme for extending the capacity of the Works.

Two of the three small sewage disposal works are giving satisfactory treatment, however, the third works at Clive is to be replaced in 1973 by a pumping station which will discharge into the main sewerage system. During 1972 further bursts occurred in the Woodford Lane Pumping Station rising main, however, this has become less of a problem since remedial work was carried out.

The Council's gully emptier continues to give the following service to properties not on main drainage :-

No. of Cesspools and Septic Tanks etc. emptied	3 Cesspools	} weekly
	13 Pails	
	76 Septic tanks (twice yearly)	
	44 Industrial interceptor chambers	yearly

SWIMMING POOLS

1. New Swimming Baths

Work is proceeding on the construction of the new swimming baths which form the first phase of the Town Centre Sports Complex located on land behind Dene Drive adjacent to the Town Centre.

The facilities to be provided include a main 25 metre x 12½ metre pool, a 12 x 7½ metre learner pool and a children's splash around area, together with ancilliary changing rooms, spectators facilities and three squash courts. It is anticipated that the facilities will be opened for use in the Autumn of 1973.

2. Verdin Open Air Swimming Pool

Location: Rilshaw Lane, Winsford

Under Direction of: L.E. Wakefield, C.Eng.F.I.Mun.E.
Engineer and Surveyor

Attendance figures:

1970	-	48,594
1971	-	37,055
1972	-	36,850

The Swimming Baths continue to give good service during the short season during which they are in operation. The figures of attendance are affected to a considerable degree by the weather conditions during the open season.

10 samples of swimming bath water were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Department - 3 samples were unsatisfactory and after a further chlorine check and re-sampling, further samples proved to be satisfactory.

The free chlorine content of the water is checked weekly by the Public Health Department.

INSECT CONTROL

INFESTATION

Year	Ants	Mites	Fleas	Bed Bugs	Beetles	Others	TOTAL
1965	42	7	7	7	6	18	87
1966	31	2	0	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
1971	41	0	27	16	31	80	195
1972	52	0	20	14	33	31	150

33 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
1971	135	164	299
1972	157	165	322

A quarter of the total number of manholes in the district have been treated for rats.

LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

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, Bottom Flash	6.62	Nil	116
5. Dock House Caravan Site	0.87	Nil	9

REGISTRATIONS:

<u>Hairdressers and Barbers:</u>	Ladies	25
	Gents	3
<u>Canal Boats :</u>	Nil	
<u>Scrap Metal Dealers:</u>	3	
<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 bone boiling.

S E C T I O N VII

SMOKE CONTROL AREAS

<u>No. of Areas in operation:</u>	11
<u>Total Acreage:</u>	708 acres
<u>Total No. of Dwellings in above when developed:</u>	5,348
<u>Total No Completed at 31st December, 1972</u>	4,041

S E C T I O N VIII

HOUSING ACT 1957

Year	No. of Houses Demolished
1945-1965	227
1966	18
1967	16
1968	6
1969	17
1970	7
1971	1
1972	3
T O T A L	295

<u>No. of Houses Closed during the year:</u>	3
<u>Improvement Grants approved:</u>	Standard - 52 Discretionary - 61
<u>No. of Council Houses Built:</u>	2
<u>No. of Private Houses Built:</u>	306
<u>Total No. of Council Owned Dwellings:</u>	4,263

General Improvement Area

The Council declared Princess Street to be a General Improvement Area and meetings were held with the residents following which an agreed scheme for environmental improvements was undertaken by the Council with the assistance of Government grants. The aim of the General Improvement Area is to secure the improvement and modernisation of the residential property. There are a total of 78 dwellings within the Princess Street General Improvement Area.

No major Council house building took place in 1972; the only dwellings completed were two special purpose bungalows on the Greville Estate for disabled persons.

In total 3,191 new dwellings have been built since Town Development started.

Work is expected to commence in 1973 on the erection of the scheme of bungalows at Bakers Lane which will primarily be for the rehousing of elderly persons who are to be displaced by the A54 road improvement.

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 1972	5	10	51
(c) The number of new cases of overcrowding relieved and the number of persons concerned in 1972	5	10	51
(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 secretary may from time to time require	Nil	Nil	Nil

COUNCIL HOUSING

239 Tenants were transferred to alternative accommodation and 21 mutual exchanges of tenancy were authorised.

Allocation of Tenancies:

Local domestic cases	212
A54 Improvement	13

(Allocation of Tenancies - continued)

Slum Clearance	1
Others outside Winsford	205
Manchester Overspill	23
Merseyside Development Area	163
Other Industrial Nominations	46
	<u>663</u>

HOUSING WAITING LIST

On the Housing Waiting List, 78 of the applicants are over 60 years of age. 592 new applications were received during the year. A breakdown of the Housing Waiting List is as follows :-

Applicants without separate accommodation (Lodgers)	55
Applicants with separate accommodation (Tenants, Owner/Occupier)	56
Applicants living outside the Council's district	95
	<u>206</u>

S E C T I O N IX

FACTORIES

There are 137 registered factories in the area engaged in the industries detailed below :-

	<u>1972</u>
Auto-engineering	15
Bakeries	8
Builders	3
Clothing	12
Electro-plating	—
Engineering	11
Electrical Engineering	4
Foundries	2
Corn Mills	1
Additives to Animal Feeding Stuffs	1
Plastic Coating	3
Slaughterhouses	3
Salt Works	3
Tent Makers	1
Dairies	1
Leather Goods and Components	3
Miscellaneous	22
Works of Engineering Construction	13
Litho Printers	1
Laundry and Dry Cleaning	1
Tyre Repairs	3
Light Woodwork and Assembly	—
Concrete	5
Paper Conversion	3
Building Construction	6
Joinery	4
Food Manufacturing	1
Stone Mason	1
Gas Works	1
Textiles Manufacturing	5
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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	15	-	-	-	-	-

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	9	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	116	77	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	4	-	-
T O T A L S	137	86	2	-

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)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers)	1	1	-	-	-
T O T A L S	3	3	-	1	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The following table covers the period 12th January to 31st December, 1972 :-

Table 'A'

Registration 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
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1972</u>	
Offices	5	32	24
Retail Shops	12	78	78
Wholesale shops and Warehouses	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public	-	11	11
Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
TOTALS	17	123	115

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
	<u>1972</u>
Offices	419
Retail Shops	354
Wholesale departments Warehouses	2
Catering establishments open to the public	47
Canteens	18
Fuel storage depots	5
TOTAL	845
TOTAL MALES	312
TOTAL FEMALES	533

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1970

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	8	8	8	8
Butchers	15	15	15	15

MILK SUPPLY

No. of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations to sell pre-packed milk - 34

MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

	TOTAL SUBMITTED	NO. BRUCELLA POSITIVE
Bulk Samples	-	-
Dealer Samples (Herd Samples)	32	-
Individual Cow Samples	13	-
T O T A L	45	-

There were at the end of 1972, 3 Dairy herds in the district from which approximately 32 gallons of milk are retailed daily

MEAT INSPECTION

During 1972, 23 bacteriological examinations of borderline carcasses were carried out in the departments own laboratory, resulting in 6 carcass (s) being released for manufacturing purposes, which would otherwise have been condemned.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

Total number of licences to slaughter animals issued 20

as follows :-

Full Licences 12

To slaughter pigs only 8

Provisional licences Nil

Slaughterhouses

No. of licenced slaughterhouses in the district 4

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	371	-	1251	74,286
Number inspected	371	-	1251	74,286
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	4	181
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	15	-	124	8,855
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cyster-ci	4.04%	-	10.23%	12.16%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	577
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	0.78%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-

UNSOOUND FOOD

Total amount of other food condemned.. .. . 1,719-lbs.8-oz..

No. of food complaints received 38

List of Samples Obtained in the
WINSFORD URBAN DISTRICT
during the year ended 31st December 1972

Name of Sample	Number Obtained	Number adulterated or not up to recognised standard
Angelica Glacé	1	
Appleade	1	
Apricot Dessert (Sweetheart)	1	
Baby Food (Egg Custard with Rice)	1	1
Beef Paste	1	
Bread (Sliced)	1	1
Bovril	1	
Butter	1	1
Cheese (Cheshire)	1	
Cheese Spread	1	
Cherries Glacé	2	
Chicken Broth	1	
Food Colouring (Apple Green)	1	
Glycerin Honey & Blackcurrant Pastilles	1	
Gravy Mix	1	
Gravy Mix Cube	1	
Haliborange Tablets	1	
Halibut Liver Oil Capsules	1	
Hazlenut Special	1	
Ice Lollie Syrup (Raspberry)	1	
Indigestion Tablets	1	
Jam (Plum)	1	
Jam (Strawberry)	1	
Lard	1	
Lemon Cold Remedy	1	
Margarine	2	
Marmalade Orange	1	
Meat and Potato Pie	1	1
Milk	44	1
Milk (Instant Low Fat)	2	
Mussels in Vinegar	1	
Orange Drink (Jaffa)	1	
Orange Squash	1	
Peanut Butter	1	
Pepper (Black)	1	
Pie Filling (Apple & Blackcurrant)	1	
Pineapple Dessert	1	
Ready Brek Breakfast Cereal	1	1
Salmon Red	1	
Salt (Garlic)	1	
Sauce (Fruit)	1	
Sausage Beef	1	
Sausage Pork	2	
Soup (Turkey)	1	
Suet Beef	1	
Tartaric Acid	1	
Tomato Purée	1	
Turkey Spread	1	
Yoghurt (Strawberry)	1	
Total	96	Total 6

WINSFORD URBAN DISTRICT

List of complaints received from private purchasers in
Winsford U.D.

Year ended 31st December, 1972

FROM	DATE	NATURE	REMARKS
Housewife	7.2.72	Feather in rice	Packers cautioned
Housewife	15.6.72	Snail in tin of pears	Canners fined
Housewife	21.7.72	Cornish Pastie containing nut and bolt	Bakers cautioned
Factory Worker	12.7.72	Meat and potato pie containing foreign matter having the characteristics of a bluebottle	Baker fined £30 with £6 costs
Housewife	10.8.72	Bread contained foreign matter consisting of iron compounds and saponifiable oil and resembled machinery lubricant	Bakers fined £60 with £6 costs
Housewife	10.8.72	Baby food containing tissue with associated animal hairs	Absolute discharge with £6 costs
Housewife	28.11.72	Butter contaminated with mould	Retail outlet cautioned
Housewife	4.12.72	Cereal contained one live moth	Summons withdrawn

MEAT INSPECTION - NO. OF CARCASES INSPECTED

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>	<u>PIGS</u>
JANUARY	30	115	5,630
FEBRUARY	27	80	6,030
MARCH	34	73	7,816
APRIL	28	53	5,947
MAY	27	61	5,406
JUNE	30	67	7,448
JULY	26	95	6,171
AUGUST	38	147	7,530
SEPTEMBER	32	142	5,526
OCTOBER	31	156	5,086
NOVEMBER	39	168	6,126
DECEMBER	29	94	5,570
	<hr/> 371	<hr/> 1,251	<hr/> 74,286

TOTAL NUMBER OF CARCASES INSPECTED - 75,908

