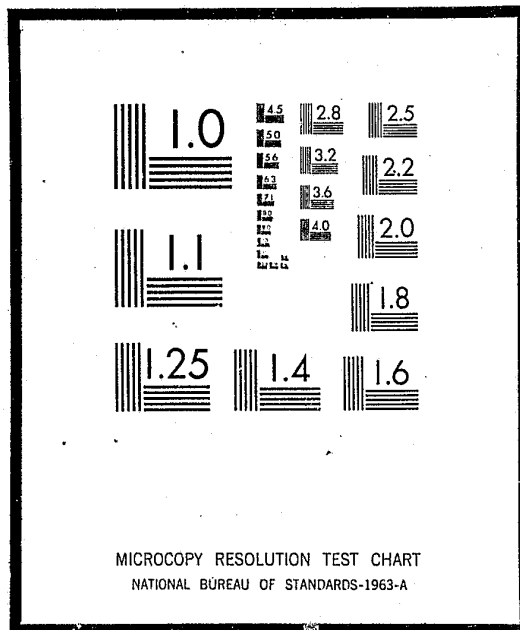


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CHIEF CONSTABLE'S ANNUAL REPORT 1973

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CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OPENING REPORT

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY,

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the Cheshire Constabulary for the year ended 31st December 1973.

I am delighted that, for the first time since I have been Chief Constable of Cheshire, I can report a DECREASE in crime. Compared with the previous year the crime in 1973 showed a reduction of 5.71%. It would be very rash to give a reason, but I think some credit can be taken by all operational branches of the Force. The uniform patrolling, crime prevention department, and criminal investigation department have each made their contribution. The rate of detection is 50% compared with 48% the previous year.

As we are about to enter on another reorganisation it is heartening to record that all buildings in our programme planned by the present Police Authority have started and should be completed next year. At the same time, we have been able to hand over to Merseyside and Greater Manchester many excellent new and well-built stations.

A great deal of our time in 1973 has been taken up with reorganising the Force to coincide with Local Government Boundaries, and this is the last report to the present Police Authority and on the Cheshire Constabulary as it now exists. I am sure that members of the Authority must regret, as much as I do, the changes affecting the Force on 1st April 1974. Since 1967 an amalgamated Force has been built up to a standard of which the Authority and members of the Force can be proud. This is the result of a great deal of hard work and co-operation by all concerned, and I am extremely grateful to everyone for the support I have received.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Force for their loyalty and the members and officials of the Police Authority for their continued support and encouragement.

H. Watson

CHIEF CONSTABLE.

CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

SENIOR OFFICERS

Chief Constable: H. WATSON, Esq., C.B.E., Q.P.M., F.C.A.
Deputy Chief Constable: W. KELSALL, Esq., O.B.E., Q.P.M.
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Chief Superintendent: D. BAILEY (Altrincham Division)
Chief Superintendent: T. H. CARTER (Chester Division)
Chief Superintendent: R. COOMBES, M.B.E. (Crewe Division)
Chief Superintendent: T. FARR (Northwich Division)
Chief Superintendent: J. R. FURBER (H.Q. Administration)
Chief Superintendent: C. HAIGH (H.Q. C.I.D.)
Chief Superintendent: C. HALSALL (Wallasey Division)
Chief Superintendent: R. E. HUGHES (Birkenhead Division)
Chief Superintendent: J. H. McARDLE (H.Q. Traffic)
Chief Superintendent: K. B. MELLALIEU (Stalybridge Division)
Chief Superintendent: A. E. MORRIS (Macclesfield Division)
Chief Superintendent: E. G. PUGH (Stockport Division)

OBITUARY

The deaths are reported with deep regret of the following serving Police Officers:

2046 Sergeant O. WILLIAMS, 4th January 1973.

Chief Inspector C. PARNELL, 30th May 1973.

1460 Constable J. REID, 29th July 1973.

2129 Constable H. C. GITTOS, 23rd September 1973.

3052 Constable G. W. OLIVER, 13th December 1973.

Chapter 1 ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE FORCE AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1973

	C.C.	D.C.C./A.C.C.	CH./SUPT.	SUPERINTENDENT	CH./INSPECTOR	INSPECTOR	SERGEANT	CONSTABLE	P.W./SUPT.	P.W. C.H./INSPECTOR	P.W./INSPECTOR	P.W./SERGEANT	P.W./CONSTABLE
H.Q. Administration	1	3	1	2	2			1	1	1		3	1
C.I.D.			1	1	1	7	16	18					5
Support Group Area 'A'				1		2	5	8					
Support Group Area 'B'				1		2	3	10					
Traffic			1	2	2	7	5	23					
Training					1	5	5	1					
Driving School					1	1	6	4					
Docks				1		1	5	42					
Birkenhead			1	4	4	16	48	296			1	2	22
Wallasey			1	3	4	14	36	220				1	11
Chester			1	2	4	13	39	212			1	2	25
Altrincham			1	3	4	17	42	245			1	2	20
Northwich			1	1	3	8	26	154				1	7
Crewe			1	2	4	11	35	197				1	9
Macclesfield			1	2	4	14	41	242				1	12
Stockport			1	2	3	12	35	180			1	1	13
Stalybridge			1	1	3	11	35	168			1	1	9
TOTAL	1	3	12	28	40	141	382	2021	1	1	5	15	134

Comparative Chart showing Establishment and Strength of the Force annually on 31st December:

MEN	Authorised Establishment			Actual Strength			Vacancies		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
Chief Constable ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—
Asst. Chief Constables ...	4	4	4	5	3	3	—	1	1
Chief Superintendents ...	12	12	12	12	11	12	—	1	—
Superintendents ...	27	27	28	29	28	28	—	—	—
Chief Inspectors ...	43	43	43	41	41	40	2	2	3
Inspectors ...	151	151	151	133	135	141	18	16	10
Sergeants ...	431	431	431	369	384	382	62	47	49
Constables ...	2249	2249	2249	1912	2011	2021	337	238	228
TOTAL ...	2918	2918	2919	2502	2614	2628	419	305	291

POLICEWOMEN	Authorised Establishment			Actual Strength			Vacancies		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
Chief Superintendent ...	—	—	—	—	—	1*	—	—	—
Superintendent ...	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	1
Chief Inspectors ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—
Inspectors ...	5	7	7	4	4	5	1	3	2
Sergeants ...	16	22	22	15	16	15	1	6	7
Constables ...	116	143	143	108	132	134	8	11	9
TOTAL ...	139	174	174	129	154	156	10	20	19

POLICE CADETS	Authorised Establishment			Actual Strength			Vacancies		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
Males ...	200	200	200	129	121	73	71	79	127
Females ...	25	25	25	41	33	18	—	—	7
TOTAL ...	225	225	225	170	154	91	71	79	134

Approval was given for an increase of 1 Superintendent in the Male Establishment.

* In November the Home Office approved the decrease of one woman Superintendent and an increase of one woman Chief Superintendent from 7th August 1972 and a decrease of one woman Chief Superintendent and an increase of one woman Superintendent from 1st September 1972. It was also agreed that the woman Superintendent promoted from 7th August 1972 should retain the rank on a personal basis from 1st September 1972.

Chart showing ages of all members of the Force:

	Chief Superintendents		Chief Inspectors	Inspectors	Sergeants	Constables
	Superintendents	Superintendents				
19—25 years ...	—	—	—	—	3	741
26—30 years ...	—	—	—	4	43	566
31—35 years ...	—	—	—	15	72	315
36—40 years ...	—	2	7	36	102	176
41—45 years ...	3	12	12	39	92	164
46—50 years ...	3	9	17	39	75	149
Over 50 years ...	7	5	9	16	29	59
TOTAL ...	13	28	45	149	416	2170

Charts showing grouped years of service of all members of the Force:

	Chief Superintendents		Chief Inspectors	Inspectors	Sergeants	Constables
	Superintendents	Superintendents				
0—2 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	635
3—5 years ...	—	—	—	—	6	390
6—10 years ...	—	—	—	5	66	533
11—15 years ...	—	1	—	23	110	189
16—20 years ...	—	8	12	46	95	179
21—25 years ...	5	9	22	61	101	200
26—30 years ...	6	9	11	14	38	44
Over 30 years ...	2	1	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	13	28	45	149	416	2170

Chart showing individual years of service of all members of the Force and of Constables only:

ALL RANKS	YEARS	CONSTABLES ONLY
199	Under 1	199
235	1	235
201	2	201
145	3	145
134	4	133
117	5	112
120	6	118
131	7	119
142	8	122
136	9	118
75	10	56
67	11	40
58	12	35
42	13	26
93	14	54
63	15	34
77	16	38
76	17	47
47	18	23
67	19	26
73	20	45
89	21	44
71	22	43
104	23	53
64	24	27
70	25	33
66	26	27
52	27	17
4	28	—
—	29	—
—	30	—
—	31	—
—	32	—
—	33	—
2	34	—
—	35	—
—	36	—
1	37	—
—	38	—
—	39	—
—	40	—
—	Over 40	—

SECONDMENTS

Chief Inspector R. R. HUNT

Chief Inspector S. F. ROTHWELL

Members of the Directing Staff at the Police College, Bramshill

Chief Inspector F. MORRIS

Liaison Officer, Home Office Scientific Unit, Crewe

Inspector J. T. NICHOLLS

Sergeant L. A. BUGH

Sergeant J. N. BURCH

Sergeant J. T. DOLBEY

Sergeant D. A. P. HOLMES

Sergeant P. A. R. JONES

Sergeant W. WHITTAKER

Constable W. D. SMITH

Instructors at Police Training Centre, Bruche

Sergeant W. BOYES

Instructor at Computer Training School, Durham

Chief Inspector B. CLARKE

Inspector R. H. SUCKLEY

Inspector J. BLYTHE

Sergeant D. ARDERN

Sergeant D. J. COBB

Sergeant J. FAIRLEY

Sergeant J. H. GIRVEN

Sergeant S. I. KNIGHT

Sergeant D. R. W. LEWIS

Sergeant C. J. MCGREGOR

Sergeant J. R. PEARSON

Sergeant G. A. ROGERS

Sergeant H. WADDILOVE

Sergeant D. WEETMAN

Sergeant J. D. WRIGHT

Constable A. BAILES

Constable J. W. BARNES

Constable R. CARGILL

Constable J. COX

Constable J. P. DERRIG

Constable P. C. DEWISON

Constable R. P. JOHNSON

Constable N. R. A. JONES

Constable D. A. P. KENWORTHY

Constable L. LEE

Constable I. STEWART

Constable W. WATSON

Constable V. T. G. WILLIAMS

Policewoman Constable J. CAMERON

Members of No. 1 Regional Crime Squad

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Comparative chart showing wastage of manpower through reasons other than voluntary resignation:

	1971	1972	1973
Ordinary Pension:			
MEN ...	22	23	33
WOMEN ...	1	—	—
Medical Pension:			
MEN ...	9	3	9
WOMEN ...	1	—	1
Transfers to other Force:			
MEN ...	13	18	16
WOMEN ...	2	1	6

Required to resign:								
MEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	13	8
WOMEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	—

Died:								
MEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	5
WOMEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—

Comparative chart showing wastage of manpower through voluntary resignations:

Under 2 years' service:								
MEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	1971	1972	1973
WOMEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	20	34	32
WOMEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	11	13

2—5 years' service:								
MEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	34	23	32
WOMEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	6

6—9 years' service:								
MEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	12	6	19
WOMEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	5

Over 9 years' service:								
MEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	11
WOMEN ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—

Comparative chart showing recruiting and wastage:

MEN			WOMEN		
1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
227	239	187	35	44	32
120	129	165	14	19	31
			Recruiting ...		
			Wastage ...		

RECRUITMENT

Comparative Chart showing summary of Recruitment:

MEN			WOMEN		
1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
1282	1374	859	143	135	130
77	87	68	9	6	11
68	117	35	14	7	3
512	591	387	62	54	60
220	247	40	12	10	9
178	93	142	11	14	15
227	239	187	35	44	32
34	49	63	12	21	19
			No. of Applicants ...		
			Found medically unfit		
			Below educational standard required		
			Withdrawn or not followed up		
			Too young, too old, too small, etc.		
			Applications in process		
			Successful applicants		
			No. of appointments from Cadets		

Comparative Chart showing Age Groups of Recruits:

MEN			WOMEN		
1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
51	83	87	17	31	25
51	60	40	9	9	6
64	52	36	6	2	—
43	39	20	2	2	—
8	5	4	1	—	1
			19 years ...		
			20—22 years ...		
			23—25 years ...		
			26—30 years ...		
			Over 30 years ...		

Comparative chart showing Educational standards of recruits:

MEN			WOMEN		
1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
2	3	1	—	—	—
—	2	1	—	—	—
63	77	58	10	18	18
11	6	7	2	—	2
145	139	111	20	23	11
4	9	8	3	2	1
2	3	1	—	1	—
			University ...		
			Public School ...		
			Grammar School ...		
			Technical School ...		
			Secondary Mod. School		
			Comprehensive School		
			Others ...		

Comparative chart showing Educational Qualifications of recruits:

MEN			WOMEN		
1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
2	2	—	—	—	—
13	16	14	1	4	4
89	108	97	14	28	21
			University Degree ...		
			G.C.E. 'A' Level ...		
			G.C.E. 'O' Level ...		

GRADUATE ENTRY SCHEME

During 1973, seven university graduates made application to join the Force under the Graduate Entry Scheme. Of these, two were not offered appointments, two were found to be medically unfit and the remaining three subsequently withdrew their applications.

PROMOTIONS

			1971	1972	1973
Promotions to:	Chief Superintendent ...		2	1	1
	Superintendent ...		14	—	2
	Chief Inspector ...		15	—	3
	Inspector ...		11	2	12
	Sergeant ...		37	30	29

Comparative chart showing service of all promoted officers:

			Under 6 yrs.	6-10 yrs.	11-15 yrs.	16-20 yrs.	21-25 yrs.	26-30 yrs.	Over 30 yrs.
To:	Chief Supt. ...		—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	Supt. ...		—	—	1	1	—	—	—
	Chief Insp. ...		—	—	—	1	2	—	—
	Insp. ...		—	1	6	3	2	—	—
	Sgt. ...		3	21	2	2	1	—	—

CIVILIAN STAFF

The annual review of Civilian Staff for 1973 provided for an increase in establishment of 12 full-time and 5 part-time civilians. Three posts were disestablished, giving a net increase of 9 full-time and 5 part-time staff. Duties carried out by civilian members of staff are as follows:

	Actual Strength
Clerks	132
Shorthand and Audio Typists	54
Telephonists	41
Photographic Department Staff	2
Publications and Printing	5
Tailors	2
Cleaners	147
Orderlies	24
School Crossing Patrols	475
Traffic Wardens	105
Catering Officer	1
Chefs	4
Catering Staff	26
Kitchen Assistants	37
Mechanical Engineer	1
Motor Engineer	1
Group Engineers	4
Technical Storekeeper	1
Mechanics	21
Semi-skilled Mechanics/Labourers	9
General Drivers	2
Welfare Officer	1
Driving Instructors	7
Commandant, Force Training Centre	1
Housekeeper, Force Training Centre	1
Fingerprint Officer	1
Maintenance Engineer	1
Dogs Home Attendants	2
Commissionaires	2
Storekeeper/Projectionist	1
TOTAL	1,111

HEALTH

Comparative chart showing Sickness in the Force:

	1971		1972		1973	
	Days	%	Days	%	Days	%
Average number of days each officer was absent from duty	9.1	2.5	9.5	2.6	10.29	2.8

Total days of absence due to sickness through injury on duty	4,064	0.43	4,612	0.48	5,415	0.55
Total days of absence due to sickness other than injury on duty	19,479	2.05	20,223	2.10	22,125	2.27

COMPLAINTS

	1972	1973
Total Number	243	285
Substantiated	24	28
Unsubstantiated	110	130
Withdrawn	71	86
Under Investigation	38	41

Thirteen officers were dealt with for various defaults, as follows:

Not Guilty	2
Cautioned	1
Fined	7
Required to resign	3

Five officers from outside Forces were appointed 'Investigating Officers'.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

1972 —	1051
1973 —	1184

HONOURS AND AWARDS

H. WATSON, Esq., C.B.E, Q.P.M., F.C.A., Chief Constable—Commander Brother of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

C. WOODCOCK, Esq., Assistant Chief Constable—Officer Brother of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

939 Sergeant D. J. McCASKILL, 131 Constable K. J. FOSTER, 825 Constable L. P. HUGHES—Were admitted as Serving Brothers of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

ANDREW McKAY McINTOSH, formerly Assistant Chief Constable of Cheshire (retired 31.12.72)—The Queen's Police Medal.

In addition members of the Force have received awards for commendable actions:

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY

Testimonial on Vellum:

333 Constable W. W. HUGHES Aiding the rescue of a man trapped beneath an electric train at Wallasey.

LIVERPOOL SHIPWRECK & HUMANE SOCIETY

Framed Parchment:

Insp. K. J. PALFREYMAN Attempted rescue of a man trapped in a submerged car in the River Weaver at Hartford.

Resuscitation Certificates:

37 Constable M. BLINKHORNE Resuscitation of a woman rescued from the East Float, Birkenhead.
4120 Constable A. WILLIAMS

Letter of Commendation:

853 Constable A. G. SKERRATT Rescue of a youth from a capsized yacht on Marbury Mere.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE FROM FIRE

Framed Certificates:

1607 Constable A. H. WEBSTER Rescue of a father and son from a
114 Constable D. E. CUTTING house fire at Macclesfield.

POLICE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

76 Officers of the force qualified for the award of the Medal during the year.

WOMEN POLICE

On 31st December 1973, there were 156 Women Officers, 134 engaged on patrol duties, 15 serving in CID, two in Traffic, one in Training and four in Administration.

During 1973 one Woman Chief Inspector transferred on promotion to Manchester & Salford, one Woman Sergeant transferred on promotion to Derby County, two policewomen transferred to Manchester & Salford on promotion, one Woman Sergeant transferred to Manchester & Salford, one policewoman transferred to Bristol and one transferred to the Hertfordshire Constabulary.

The work of the Department covers an ever-widening field of police duties, now including two Women Officers who are Unit Beat Officers, one in Ellesmere Port and one in Runcorn.

The work of the Juvenile Bureau continues and the field has widened to include work with the Local Authorities regarding facilities for Intermediate Treatment. There have been several day courses with regard to children found suffering from non-accidental injuries and there are two committees in the Birkenhead Division which are attended by the Women Police and a male Sergeant of the Juvenile Bureau.

During 1973 the Juvenile Bureau had 9,923 cases referred to them of which 6,298 have been involved in crime. The comparative figures for juveniles appearing before courts are as follows:

	1971	1972	1973
Non-indictable	807	603	679
Motoring	912	868	783
Indictable offences	2,124	2,719	2,936
Total number of all offences	3,843	4,190	4,398

The breakdown in age groups of those appearing before the courts for indictable offences is as follows:

		1971			
Age groups:		10-11 yrs.	12-13 yrs.	14-15 yrs.	16 yrs.
Male ... ..	...	113	500	853	475
Female ... ..	...	11	48	79	45
		1972			
Male ... ..	...	139	482	1,124	709
Female ... ..	...	10	48	143	64
		1973			
Male ... ..	...	159	630	1,208	704
Female ... ..	...	11	65	96	63

The Woman Sergeant who was seconded as an instructor at Bruche has now returned to the Force. One Woman Sergeant attended a Student Instructors' Course at Ryton-on-Dunsmore and qualified as a Police Instructor.

Promotions during 1973 include one Woman Chief Superintendent, one Woman Chief Inspector, two Women Inspectors and two Women Sergeants. One Inspector attended the Police College. One Woman Inspector from Stalybridge Division has undertaken exchange duties with a Woman Inspector from Manchester & Salford, preparatory to the future amalgamation,

Two Policewomen's Specialist Courses were held at the Force Training Centre, Crewe.

The Woman Sergeant at the Force Training Centre continued to take a full part in lectures and was Staff Officer to Local Procedure Courses.

The Women Police Officers have given 137 talks to various associations during 1973 and have taken part in a number of Career Conventions. Women Inspectors and Women Sergeants are continuing to prosecute in Juvenile Courts.

The Casualty Bureau has continued to take part in all county exercises. During the year a number of policewomen have attended driving courses, several having been recommended for advanced driving courses. The two women officers in the Traffic Divisions continue to undertake full traffic officers' duties.

During 1973, three policewomen have been commended, one officer on two occasions.

In Chester Division the policewomen continue to act as announcers in the Police News on the local Stoke and Merseyside Radio programmes.

Special Policewomen continue to give their reliable and unstinting service in several divisions, some turning out regularly and others when the occasion demands.

POLICE DOGS

The establishment remains at 34 operational dogs and 1 drug dog.

Two dogs have been destroyed during the year as they were suffering from incurable diseases and 2 have had to be retired due to old age. Four young dogs have been trained at the Police Dog Training School to replace them.

Two new dog handlers have been trained.

One dog qualified and competed in the National Championships held in Scotland in May.

A cup, to be named "The Avenger Trophy", has been presented by well-known author Joyce Stranger. The cup is to be presented annually to the dog and handler who have performed the most outstanding single feat of police dog work. The trophy will be awarded for the first time in 1974.

The dogs have been responsible for the arrest of 466 persons and assisted in the arrest of a further 292. In addition they have located 65 missing persons and have been responsible for the recovery of a considerable amount of property.

UNDERWATER SEARCH UNIT

The Unit consists of 8 Constables under the command of an Inspector. It is responsible for all underwater searches throughout Cheshire and the adjoining police areas of Liverpool & Bootle, Manchester & Salford and Gwynedd.

OPERATIONAL CALLS:

Number of calls	Cheshire	Other areas	Days engaged
48	35	13	89

11 bodies and property valued at £3,867.00 were recovered. The total property recovered since the unit was formed in 1966 is now £25,358.00.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Strength on 31st December 1973	...	...	...	...	547
Recruiting:					
Number of applications	...	...	...	...	105
Number appointed	...	...	...	...	56
Awards:					
Long Service Medal	...	...	...	...	11
First Bar ...	...	...	...	...	4
Commendations	...	...	...	...	1

The Annual Inter-Divisional Competition was held on 6th May 1973, Macclesfield Division were the winners.

EXHIBITIONS AND OPEN WEEKS

During the year police exhibitions and open weeks have been held in selected police stations throughout the County. The public of the area were invited to visit the police stations to see some of the operational working of the force, and to view exhibition material depicting the various aspects of police duties including crime prevention, road safety, training and recruiting, also a display of Force trophies and static displays of specialist vehicles.

Venues	No. of visitors recorded
Crewe	5,545
Wallasey	5,388
Total	10,933

In addition to the Open Weeks, an historical and recruiting exhibition was staged in the store of "Browns of Chester" during the month of May, as part of a "Cheshire Week".

The Constabulary rented a site at the Cheshire Agricultural Show which this year was held for the first time on the Duke of Westminster's Estate at Eaton, near Chester, on 6th and 7th June 1973. The attendance figures given by the Show Secretary for the two days of the Show were 45,000, many of whom visited the Force stand.

The Force has continued to co-operate with the Central Office of Information and the Headquarters Building has been visited by representatives from many different countries.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE FORCE

The Annual Inspection of the Force took place on 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 23rd March 1973, and was carried out by Mr. R. G. Fenwick, Q.P.M., H.M. Inspector of Constabulary.

Chapter II TRAINING

THE FORCE TRAINING CENTRE

The renovation of the old school building has now been completed. Accommodation includes a fully equipped lecture theatre to seat approximately 100 people.

VISITORS TO FORCE TRAINING CENTRE

During the year the centre has been visited by members of British and overseas police forces. Overseas visitors included members from Mauritius, Bahrein, Solomon Islands and Hong Kong. Five senior officers from Peru stayed to study our training systems.

PROBATIONER TRAINING

Recruits attend an induction course for one week at the Force Training Centre. Then, after an initial course of 10 weeks at a District Training Centre, they return to the Force Training Centre for a local procedure course. Recruits are attached for two-weekly periods to the C.I.D., Traffic Unit, Divisional Administration and Collators Departments.

REFRESHER TRAINING

	No. of Courses	No. of Students	Course weeks
Constables (every fifth year) ...	16	265	530
Sergeants (every fifth year) ...	5	71	142
Newly Promoted Sergeants ...	4	54	108
Policewomen	2	25	50
C.I.D. Aides	2	45	135

MAN MANAGEMENT COURSES

All Sergeants and Inspectors have received 6 days of management training spread over three years. The initial three-day course is now incorporated in the newly promoted sergeants' course. It is followed in succeeding years with two and one day continuation courses. One day management training is now incorporated in the Sergeants' Refresher Courses.

PROMOTION TRAINING

Facilities continue to be provided for officers entering promotion examinations. A directed study course is organised on a divisional basis. A two week revision course is arranged shortly before the examination.

PRE-COLLEGE COURSES FOR INSPECTORS

In conjunction with the Lancashire Constabulary this Force has undertaken courses for Inspectors selected to attend the Police College. Two courses were held at the Force Training Centre attended by 36 Inspectors.

OVERSEAS POLICE OFFICERS' COURSE

The seventh course organised by the Force on behalf of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office was attended by 19 officers from nine different countries.

The countries represented were:

Saudi Arabia	Swaziland	Ghana
Bahrein	Malawi	Phillipines
St. Lucia	Gambia	Fiji

COURSES

(EXTERNAL TO FORCE)

Officers attended the following courses:

Regional Crime Squad Courses, New Scotland Yard	3 Sergeants 2 Constables
C.I.D. COURSES, New Scotland Yard	2 Sergeants 4 Constables
West Yorkshire C.I.D. Training Course	2 Inspectors 5 Sergeants 8 Constables
Birmingham City Police C.I.D. Course	2 Inspectors 4 Sergeants 5 Constables
Liverpool and Bootle Police C.I.D. Course	1 Sergeant 10 Constables
Lancashire Constabulary C.I.D. Course	8 Constables 2 Policewomen
Scenes of Crime Course, Forensic Science Laboratory, Chorley	2 Constables
2 Day Course, Forensic Science Laboratory, Chorley for Inspectors and Sergeants	6 Inspectors 16 Sergeants
Investigation of Motor Vehicle Thefts, New Scotland Yard	2 Constables
Special Branch Courses, New Scotland Yard	2 Sergeants 1 Constable
Regional Record Office Fingerprint Course	2 Constables
Drugs Courses at Liverpool and Preston	1 Sergeant 3 Constables 2 Policewomen
Police National Computer Course, Durham Constabulary	2 Constables
Security of Explosives, H.O. Training Branch, London	1 Inspector
Surveillance Training Course Lancashire Constabulary	1 Chief Inspector 3 Inspectors 4 Sergeants 4 Constables
Student Instructors' Course, Ryton-on-Dunsmore	3 Sergeants 1 Policewoman
Pre-College Course, Lancashire Constabulary	3 Inspectors 1 Woman Inspector
Police Commissioning Liaison Officers Course, Hendon Police College, Bramshill	1 Inspector 3 Inspectors 1 Woman Inspector
Regional Police War Duties, Lancashire Constabulary	2 Superintendents 3 Chief Inspectors 22 Inspectors 7 Sergeants

One Day Home Defence Study Period, Lancashire Constabulary	4 Superintendents 4 Chief Inspectors 2 Inspectors
Home Defence Instructors Course, Lancashire Constabulary	3 Sergeants
National Police War Duties Course, Easingwold	2 Superintendents
Inlogov Seminar, Training School, Birmingham	1 Superintendent
Traffic Accident Investigation Course, London	3 Sergeants
H.G.V. Examiners Course, Dept. of Environment Harmondsworth	1 Sergeant
Community Relations Conference, Manchester	1 Woman Superintendent 1 Sergeant
Crime Prevention Course, Stafford	3 Sergeants
Dog Handlers Course, Manchester & Salford	1 Constable
Computer Terminal Operators Training Course, Durham	5 Constables
Computer Appreciation Course, County Hall, Chester	1 Policewoman 10 Civilians
Letter & Report Writing Course, County Hall, Chester	2 Superintendents 3 Chief Inspectors 4 Inspectors
Letter & Report Writing Course, F.T.C., Crewe	1 Chief Superintendent 2 Superintendents 3 Chief Inspectors 1 Chief Inspector
Force Training Seminar, Ryton-on-Dunsmore	1 Chief Superintendent
Appreciation Seminar, L.A.M.S.A.C.	1 Superintendent 1 Inspector
Police & Public Relations Course, West York Constabulary	1 Inspector
Management Technique Course, Ashbridge Management College, Herts.	1 Superintendent
Road Safety Officers' Course, R.O.S.P.A., Horncastle, Lincs.	1 Sergeant
Accident Investigation Course, Fort Dunlop, Birmingham	1 Constable
Reconnaissance from Light Aircraft	2 Inspectors
Special Course, Bramshill	2 Constables
Bomb Identification Course, Training School, Hutton	1 Inspector 2 Sergeants 2 Constables
The College, Parkgate Road, Chester (each Tuesday)	1 Inspector 1 P.W. Sergeant 1 Constable
Interview for Selection Course at County Hall (2 days)	3 Chief Superintendents 1 Superintendent 1 Civilian
Photographic Colour Printing Course, Hemel Hempstead	1 Civilian
Statistical Officers Course, H.O. Stats. Branch, Surrey	6 Civilians

WAR DUTIES DEPARTMENT

During the year the Departmental title was changed from War Duties Department to Defence Emergency Department. Responsibilities have remained unchanged.

PLANNING

Advice has been received from the Home Office regarding the future format of emergency planning to be undertaken by police and local authorities. Planning has been delayed pending the reorganisation of local authority boundaries on the 1st April 1974, but meetings have been held as appropriate so that these matters can be commenced with the least possible delay after the 1st April.

PERSONNEL TRAINED

Local War Duties Course

78	Sergeants
564	Constables
3	Policewomen Sergeants
54	Policewomen
116	Special Constables

WARNING AND MONITORING

Police officers are responsible, on behalf of the Home Office, for ensuring that the public warning equipment is maintained in good working order and that a sufficient number of people are trained in its use.

Following publication of the 1971 census figures, much work has been done to identify those parts of the county that have developed outside the warning range of existing equipment, and to arrange for the installation of new equipment in those areas.

The training of civilians who would have a responsibility for operating warning and monitoring equipment has continued. 26 Classes were held and 140 persons attended, during the year.

DRIVING SCHOOL

STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

			Number of Courses	Number of Students	Student weeks
CARS					
Instructors	...	...	1	3	18
Advanced Refresher	...	...	22	69	138
Advanced	...	...	12	43	172
General Refresher	...	...	32	96	192
General	...	...	25	93	372
Initial	...	...	10	34	170
Special	...	...	1	2	4
Cadet	...	...	10	27	135
MOTOR CYCLES					
Advanced Refresher	...	...	1	2	4
Advanced	...	...	10	24	72
General	...	...	12	31	93
TRAFFIC LAW					
Traffic Patrol	...	...	2	30	120

24 Heavy Goods Vehicle driving tests were conducted resulting in 24 passes. 318,699 miles were covered by instructional cars and 110,322 miles by motor cycles.

DRIVING SCHOOL VEHICLES

Advanced Wing

1	Austin 1800 Automatic
1	Ford Cortina 1600 GT
1	Vauxhall Victor 3300 cc.
3	Morris Marina 1800 cc.

General Wing

8	Vauxhall Vivas
2	Morris Marina 1300 cc.
2	Hillman Avenger
2	Ford Escorts
1	Morris 1000 cc.
1	Austin 1100 cc.
1	Morris J2 Van
(1 Vauxhall Viva is used on the Skid Pan).	

Motor Cycle Wing

5	Norton Commando 750 cc.
1	Rickman Matisse 650 cc.
1	Triumph 650 cc.
5	BSA 250 cc.
2	Triumph 650 cc.—used exclusively at Bickerton Hill.

Heavy Goods Vehicles

1	Bedford TK Artic
1	Bedford Rigid Major Incident Vehicle

The Driving School staff took part in, and in certain cases organised, driving tests and exhibitions at the Cheshire County Ambulance Service Annual Open Day, Ranger Guide and Venture Scout Gathering, Hooton Park, Cheshire Education Authority Kingsway Evening Institute, Crewe.

Police Advisory Driving Courses have been held throughout the County and 160 students received instruction.

Driving School staff acted as examiners for the Cheshire County Ambulance Service, and for Macclesfield, Cheadle & Gatley District Councils, (Hackney Carriage Licences). A total of 68 persons were tested.

CADETS

COURSES

	No. of Courses	No. of Cadets
Initial	2	34
Continuation	7	126

ATTACHMENTS

	No. of Boy Cadets	No. of Girl Cadets	Student Weeks
Hospitals—Chester, Birkenhead, Macclesfield	33	8	369
Leonard Cheshire Homes	23	16	196
Industry — Falrey Engineering, Lino- type, Rolls Royce, Vauxhalls, County Clothes	16	4	180
Y.M.C.A., Birkenhead	6	—	54
Daresbury Hall Spastics Centre	13	7	80

EDUCATION

During the 1973 academic year, cadets obtained three 'A' level passes, 22 'O' level passes and 11 certificates in office studies. Girl Cadet L. Reade and Cadet T. Coe were selected by the staffs of Crewe and Chester Colleges as Cadets of the Year.

FIRST AID

55 cadets obtained their adult First Aid certificates in the year, 12 cadets participated in the Cadet Individual First Aid Competition held at the Force Training Centre.

LIFE SAVING

Awards

The following awards were gained:

Water Safety	50
Preliminary Respiration	44
Preliminary Safety	64
Advanced Safety	44
Elementary	35
Intermediate	36
Bronze Medallion	36
Bronze Cross	6
Bronze Medallion First Bar	1
Award of Merit	2
Award of Merit First Bar	1
Teachers	2

COMPETITIONS

The Girl Cadets Team entered the Allington Cup National Competitions, finishing in second place. The Boy Cadets Team entered the West Riding Cup National Competition, gaining second place. They went on to the National Final, finishing in tenth place.

Three Higher Life Saving Courses were held, attended by 27 cadets.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Cadets throughout the county have given practical assistance to various organisations, particularly those connected with the young, disabled and physically handicapped.

SPORT

A team entered in the Police Northern District Cross Country Championships and gained a second place, with individual placings of second, third and twelfth.

COMMONWEALTH EXPEDITION

Girl Cadet L. J. SMITH, Chester Division, was selected to take part in the Commonwealth Expedition 1973 to India, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan.

Cadet K. CALDWELL, Macclesfield Division, attended an International Youth Camp in Scotland.

OUTWARD BOUND

Twenty boy cadets and six girl cadets attended courses at Aberdovey, Eskdale, Ullswater and Rhowniar.

Constable DIXON, Wallasey, and Constable PREEDY, Crewe, attended the Outward Bound Schools for one month as temporary instructors.

SAIL TRAINING ASSOCIATION

Four boy cadets and one girl cadet attended courses on the schooners Sir Winston Churchill and Malcolm Miller.

Four boy cadets attended similar courses with smaller craft organised by the Ocean Youth Club.

VENTURE TRAINING

The Force Venture Base in the Dovey Forest was used regularly throughout the year to prepare cadets for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. 146 cadets attended. The cadets are now regular competitors in venture training competitions such as The Sun-dial Hike organised jointly by the Cheshire Constabulary and Bebington Venture Scouts, and The Arroe Hike organised by a group of Merseyside venture scouts.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

All cadets on appointment are encouraged to join or participate in the scheme. During the year 2 cadets have achieved Gold Standard and 11 Silver Standard.

DEBATING COMPETITION

During the year a Debating Competition was instituted to encourage confidence and skills in communication. The winners were Macclesfield Division.

FIRST AID

During 1973, ten officers attended a two week course at the Force Training Centre, Crewe, and qualified as First Aid Lay Instructors.

The Inter-Divisional First Aid Competition was held at the Force Training Centre, on the 18th October, 1973. The Inter-Divisional Cup was won by Macclesfield Division with Birkenhead Division being placed second. Police-woman Sergeant S. M. PUGH of Birkenhead Division won the Mrs. Banwell Trophy. Girl Cadet NIGHTINGALE, Birkenhead Division won the Police Cadet Individual Shield.

Teams representing Cheshire entered the Pim Trophy.

A team representing the Cheshire Constabulary won the Northern Area Eliminating Competition for the National First Aid Competition for Police Cadets, and will now represent the force at the National Competition to be held in London in 1974.

The Cheshire Constabulary Policewomen's team won the Northern Area Eliminating competition held at Leeds and will compete for the City of London Rosebowl at the Police National Finals, also to be held in London in 1974.

The County First Aid team won the Wynnbanks Cup, the Deva Shield and Chester Cup, the Middlewich Cup and Northwich Cup, at open competitions held in Flint, Chester and Northwich.

Chapter III

CRIME AND PROCEEDINGS

CRIME

During 1973, crime in Cheshire fell by 5.71% when compared with 1972, the first reduction since 1969.

37,558 offences were recorded, whilst reported crime totalled 39,020 complaints. The detection rate increased to 50%.

It is pleasing to note a reduction in a wide range of offences, significantly unauthorised taking of motor vehicles, burglary, robbery and most classes of theft; although offences of wounding and damage have risen during the year.

CRIME PREVENTION

There has been active participation in the field of crime prevention by the whole force during the year.

The duties connected with prevention, which are considered out of the routine of everyday police work, have been performed by the Crime Prevention Department consisting of one inspector, ten sergeants and a constable.

The department's work has involved all aspects of crime with particular emphasis being paid to crimes of burglary, theft of vehicles and robbery.

Surveying of vulnerable property and new properties in the early stages of construction resulted in either verbal advice or detailed written survey reports being supplied in respect of over 3,000 premises. Many follow up visits were made to premises over the implementation of these recommendations. There is increasing evidence that the protection, both physical and electrical, has reached a stage where it is becoming a positive deterrent to crime. Intruder alarm systems increased by almost a thousand (1,827 '999' alarms; 1,104 direct line into police stations; 130 direct line into alarm company central stations; 20 other type silent systems and 2,535 purely audible alarms).

There are now 5,616 alarms and by far the greatest increase has been in the 'silent' types of systems. Over the latter months there has been a marked increase in the number of alarms being fitted into dwelling houses.

A new policy was implemented in anticipation of the increased number of alarms and the inevitable false calls. All new subscribers of silent type systems were sent an advice letter together with a request for two key holders residing nearby, with a telephone and suitable means of transport. Alarm companies and subscribers were warned verbally and by letter following several false calls and the withdrawal of police response was implemented in respect of a few troublesome systems. There have been fewer false calls received than in 1972, which is a remarkable achievement considering the increase in alarm systems.

128 genuine calls from 'silent' systems resulted in 79 persons being arrested for burglary. One of the main causes of persons not being arrested at every genuine call resulted from the activation of the delayed action bells before the police arrival.

The number of radio alarms and triggering devices held by the force was doubled. These were installed on 320 occasions by Crime Prevention Officers and as a result 40 persons were arrested at premises and charged with burglary. A new wallet bug alarm installed to detect petty pilferage resulted in a person being arrested for theft.

Liaison was maintained with the Drug Squad officers over the security of chemist shops in relation to the implementation of the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) Regulations 1973.

Special efforts were made to communicate with the community as a whole by the greater use of the mass publicity media, i.e. 340 talks and lectures, many of which were accompanied by slides or one of the Crime Prevention films. 27 exhibitions, including the use of the Home Office Crime Prevention Caravan on 20 of these occasions, were staged selectively at shows, markets, housing estates and at the two police station open weeks; a 'Stop Autocrime' campaign was launched in January and continued throughout the year; a pre-Christmas campaign involving the distribution of 15,000 letters and leaflets dealing with the transportation of cash and valuables on foot and by vehicle was mounted.

A distribution was made of 300,000 leaflets, posters, bookmarks and stickers covering all aspects of crime prevention and to some crimes in particular, e.g. "Another car vanishes". Many items of propaganda material were designed and produced during the year.

Liaison and co-operation was maintained with insurance companies and surveyors, local authorities, architects, banks, post offices, National Supervisory Council for Intruder Alarms, local departmental police forces, welfare organisations, explosive experts, Police Technical Equipment (Operational Trials) Centre, security organisations, schools, education authorities and youth clubs.

Rifle clubs, ranges, firearms dealers and explosive stores were visited at frequent intervals and included the making of recommendations for the improvement of security. Crime Prevention Officers also dealt with the renewal of all firearm dealers certificates and the security arrangements of many firearm certificate renewals.

The Birkenhead, Stockport, Crewe, Runcorn and North East Cheshire Crime Prevention Panels continued to play their part in the prevention of crime, perhaps the most noteworthy activities being the fitting of over 500 door chains by Birkenhead and a successful two week campaign by the North East Cheshire Panel.

COMPARATIVE CHART OF PREVALENT CRIMES AND DETECTIONS:

		1971	1972	1973
Wounding	Recorded	1,058	1,116	1,452
	Detected	926	984	1,276
Burglary in a dwelling house	Recorded	5,699	5,782	5,212
	Detected	2,271	1,962	1,784
Burglary in other premises	Recorded	6,562	6,494	5,201
	Detected	2,549	2,512	2,012
Stealing from Vehicles	Recorded	4,043	3,921	3,786
	Detected	1,304	1,607	1,254
Stealing Pedal Cycles	Recorded	2,012	1,903	1,589
	Detected	419	443	316
Stealing from shops and stalls	Recorded	2,891	3,230	3,234
	Detected	2,587	2,940	2,956
Stealing and unauthorised taking of motor vehicles	Recorded	5,308	6,493	6,256
	Detected	1,742	2,166	2,105

Other stealings	Recorded	4,605	4,469	4,481
	Detected	1,987	1,822	1,910
Obtaining Property by deception/other fraud	Recorded	1,254	1,123	1,034
	Detected	1,180	1,048	963

During the year 10 cases of homicide were investigated, viz: 7 of murder and 3 of manslaughter. 7 were detected, 3 are currently under investigation.

The following charts show the type of offences in which there was a marked increase or decrease when compared with 1972.

INCREASE		1972	1973
Wounding		1,116	1,452
Arson		98	142
Malicious Damage		788	1,027
Forgery		193	229

DECREASE			
Burglary (in a dwelling)		5,782	5,212
Burglary (other than dwelling)		6,494	5,201
Robbery		164	126
Stealing from the person		178	121
Stealing of Pedal Cycles		1,903	1,589
Stealing from Vehicles		3,921	3,786
Stealing from Automatic Meter		660	574
Unauthorised taking of Motor Vehicles		5,720	5,470
Handling Stolen Goods		871	815

COMPARATIVE CHART SHOWING A GENERAL SUMMARY OF CRIME FIGURES:

	1971	1972	1973
Complaints of Crime	40,641	42,009	39,020
Recorded as true indictable crime	38,108	39,835	37,558
*Recorded as non-indictable offences	438	—	—
Recorded as "No Crime"	2,095	2,174	1,462
% Detected	49	48	50

NOTE—Certain offences of damage, recorded as non-indictable offences (*above), became indictable under the provisions of the 1971 Criminal Damage Act and have been recorded as true indictable crime since 1st January 1972.

COMPARATIVE CHART SHOWING TOTALS OF INDICTABLE CRIME RECORDED AND DETECTED:

	1971	1972	1973
True Crime Recorded	38,108	39,835	37,558
True Crime Detected	18,585	19,486	18,606
% Detected	49	48	50

PROPERTY STOLEN:

	1971	1972	1973
Value stolen (£)	3,250,737	3,488,384	3,606,304
Value recovered (£)	1,820,467	2,143,819	2,233,200

DISPOSAL OF OFFENDERS

During the year, 10,930 persons were prosecuted for indictable offences, 7,994 were adults, 2,936 were juveniles. These persons were dealt with in the following manner:

Suspended sentence	401
Imprisonment	240
Sentence for Borstal	189
Detention Centre	213
Attendance Centre	151
Withdrawn or Dismissed	591
Fined	5,492
Probation	392
Conditional Discharge	853
Cases Pending	1,296
Miscellaneous Decisions	1,106
TOTAL	10,930

1,726 persons were cautioned for crime, comprising 109 adults and 1,617 juveniles.

CRIME SQUADS

During 1973, 29 officers of the Force performed duty with the No. 1 Regional Crime Squad at the following Branch offices.

Branch Office	Ch. Insp.	Insp.	Sgt.	Const.	
				M	F
Manchester	—	1	6	6	—
Liverpool	—	—	1	1	—
Chester	1	—	4	4	1
Wrexham/ Hawarden	—	1	1	2	—
TOTAL	1	2	12	13	1

DRUG SQUAD

The Drug Squad has a staff consisting of 1 Detective Inspector, 3 Detective Sergeants, 3 Detective Constables and 3 Detective Policewoman. A Dog Handler is also attached to the Squad, his dog having been specially trained to detect the presence of Cannabis.

The Squad is divided into three units of 1 Detective Sergeant, 1 Detective Constable and 1 Detective Policewoman based at Chester, Bromborough and Stockport. The Detective Inspector and Dog Handler are also based at Headquarters, Chester.

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, came into force on the 1st July 1973 and, as a result, all previous drugs legislation was repealed. It incorporates most of the offences contained in the Dangerous Drugs Acts and the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act but also introduces other offences which tend to differentiate between the drug user and the trafficker.

The following table shows a comparison of drug offences during a three year period:

Offence	1971	1972	1973
Unlawful possession of drugs	167	272	310
Unlawful supply of drugs	6	2	12
Using premises for smoking Cannabis ...	12	18	10
Procuring drugs	—	—	2
Importing Cannabis	1	—	4
Cultivating Cannabis	4	7	13
TOTAL	190	299	351

Drug Squad officers gave a total of 94 talks to various organisations on the problems and dangers of drug abuse.

New Drug Addicts registered in Cheshire	1971	1972	1973
	25	25	19

Search Warrants

Number obtained	—	110	115
Number of successful searches	—	71	68

Stop Searches

Number of persons searched	—	462	558
Number of successful searches	—	157	114

Assistance was also given to another Police Force when 4 Drug Squad officers were seconded to a neighbouring area on the occasion of an open air 'Pop Festival'. The drug dog was also used on this occasion.

Close liaison with Customs and Excise officers is maintained and security checks have been carried out at Ringway Airport, using Customs Officers, Drug Squad Officers as well as the drug dog.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION

The section has at present an operational strength of 1 Detective Inspector and 3 Detective Sergeants whose object is to obtain from all possible sources information on persons known or suspected of being engaged in crime and to assess, interpret and disseminate that information for action by other operational units. In addition, a civilian clerk employed in the Section office at Headquarters maintains the various indices which embody information on criminals operating in and around the Force area. Modus Operandi and Crime Indices are also maintained by the Section to keep abreast of current crime trends. The nominal index of persons of interest to the Criminal Intelligence Section is interspersed with the Wanted Persons and Stolen Car Indices where the information is available to the Force on a 24 hour basis.

Personal liaison is kept with Intelligence Officers of surrounding Forces, Divisional Collators, Officers of the Regional Crime Squads, Drug Squad and Special Branch, also with C.11 Branch at New Scotland Yard and the Central Drugs and Illegal Immigration Intelligence Unit, producing a regular exchange of invaluable information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

There are two C.I.D. Support Groups in the Force area, one based at Bromborough and the other at Stockport, each under the command of a Detective Superintendent.

The Groups are normally divided into teams deployed on the investigation of crime in support of Divisional C.I.D. In an incident of serious crime, or where there is a series of troublesome crimes continuing over a period, the teams come together and operate as a Group to undertake the major part of the investigation.

During the year the Support Groups have given valuable assistance in liaison with Divisional C.I.D., Drug Squad and Regional Crime Squad in various investigations and operations resulting in the arrest of several active criminals.

FORENSIC SCIENCE—SCENES OF CRIME BRANCH

	1971	1972	1973
Searches for fingerprints	13,960	13,491	11,170
Identifications made	490	449	359

The assistance of the Forensic Science Laboratory was sought in 2,178 cases during 1973.

330 were in relation to crime, 1,636 related to unfitness to drive motor vehicles, the remainder were of a miscellaneous nature.

Two scenes of crime officers attended a course of one week at the Laboratory in connection with their specialised duty.

Special two day courses were held in which six Detective Inspectors and sixteen Detective Sergeants took part.

HOME OFFICE ATTENDANCE CENTRES

The Home Office Attendance Centres at Stockport and Birkenhead have continued to operate during the year and the following numbers have attended:

	1972	1973
Stockport Attendance Centre	32	64
Birkenhead Attendance Centre	114	121

Chapter IV
TRAFFIC, ROAD SAFETY AND
COMMUNICATIONS

TRAFFIC

The level of police involvement in education of road users, preventative patrolling and enforcement of road traffic legislation has again risen. Considerable reductions in the number of accidents and casualties have been achieved during the year. In terms of percentages the Cheshire figures present a brighter picture than the national figures.

MOTORING OFFENCES

Prosecutions:

1972		1973	
Prosecutions	Offences	Prosecutions	Offences
30,634	46,064	33,633	51,916

Cautions:

1972		1973	
Offenders	Offences	Offenders	Offences
3,263	3,775	4,023	4,648

VEHICLE ESTABLISHMENT

Description	1972	1973
Chief Constable's car	1	1
Traffic Patrol cars	78	78
Traffic Patrol motor-cycles	54	54
General Purpose—including Section Sergeants	11	—
Mechanised Rural Beat cars	14	13
Unit Beat cars	234	236
Urban Beat motor-cycles	5	5
Policewomen's cars	7	9
Divisional C.I.D. cars	51	60
Special Duty C.I.D. cars	9	—
District C.I.D.	18	15
Photographers' cars and vans	18	18
Dog vans	18	18
Driving School cars	16	22
Driving School motor-cycles	14	14
Driving School van	1	1
Large vans	10	9
Personnel Carriers	12	13
Canteen vehicles	3	3
Civil Defence car	1	1
Garage vehicles	7	8
Incident vehicles	2	1
Headquarters Pool	3	3
Coaches	2	2
Underwater Search Unit	1	1
Docks	3	3
Road Safety	9	9
Crime Squad vehicles	7	7
Special Branch	4	5

Description	1972	1973
Force Training Centre	2	2
Drug Squad	3	4
Dog Collection vans	2	2
Articulated vehicle	—	1
TOTALS	620	618

ROAD ACCIDENTS

6,007 accidents involving personal injury were recorded during the year compared with 6,178 in the previous year. The number of persons injured again declined from 8,242 in 1972 to 8,012 in 1973.

A decrease of 11% in fatal accidents has been recorded. The number of persons killed has also fallen by 32 to 190. The worst months during 1973 were June (20 fatalities) and November (19 fatalities).

Comparative chart showing types of road accidents and casualties:

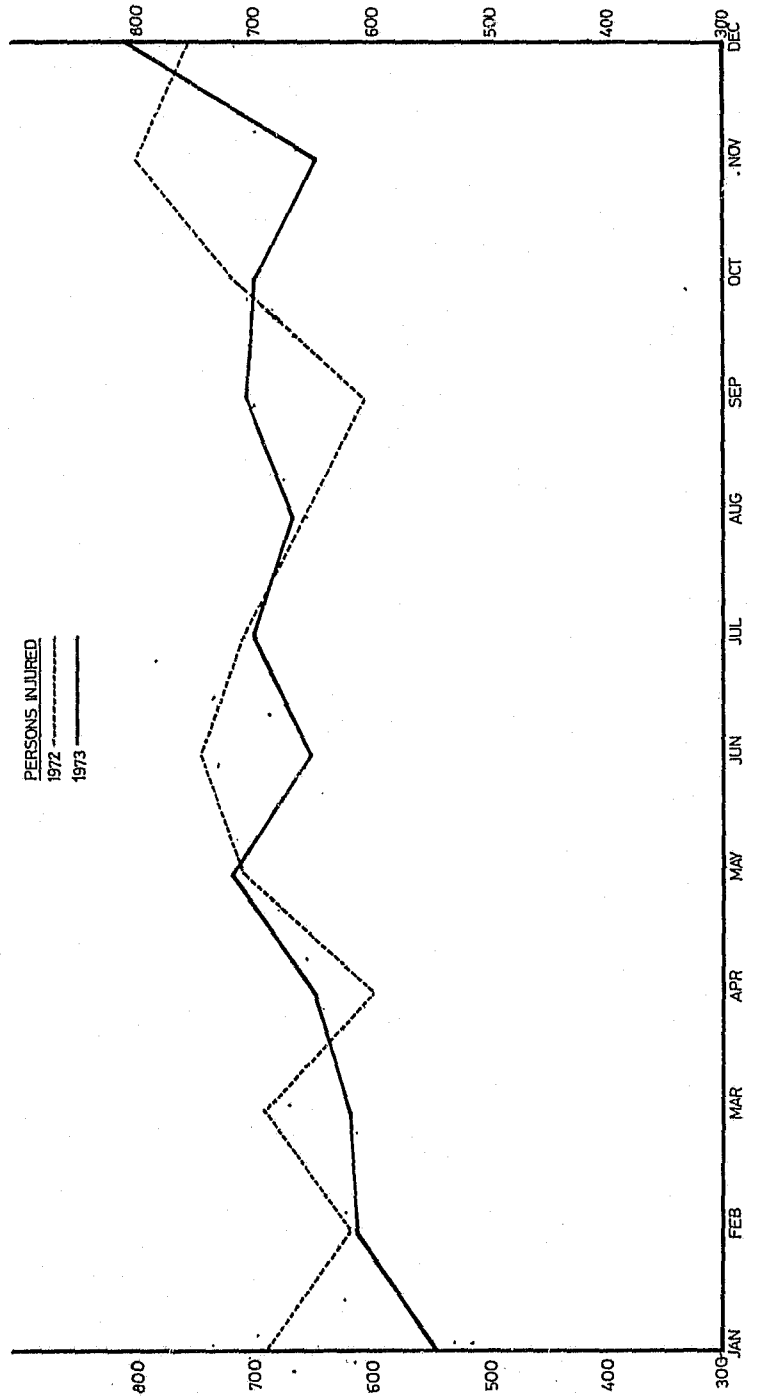
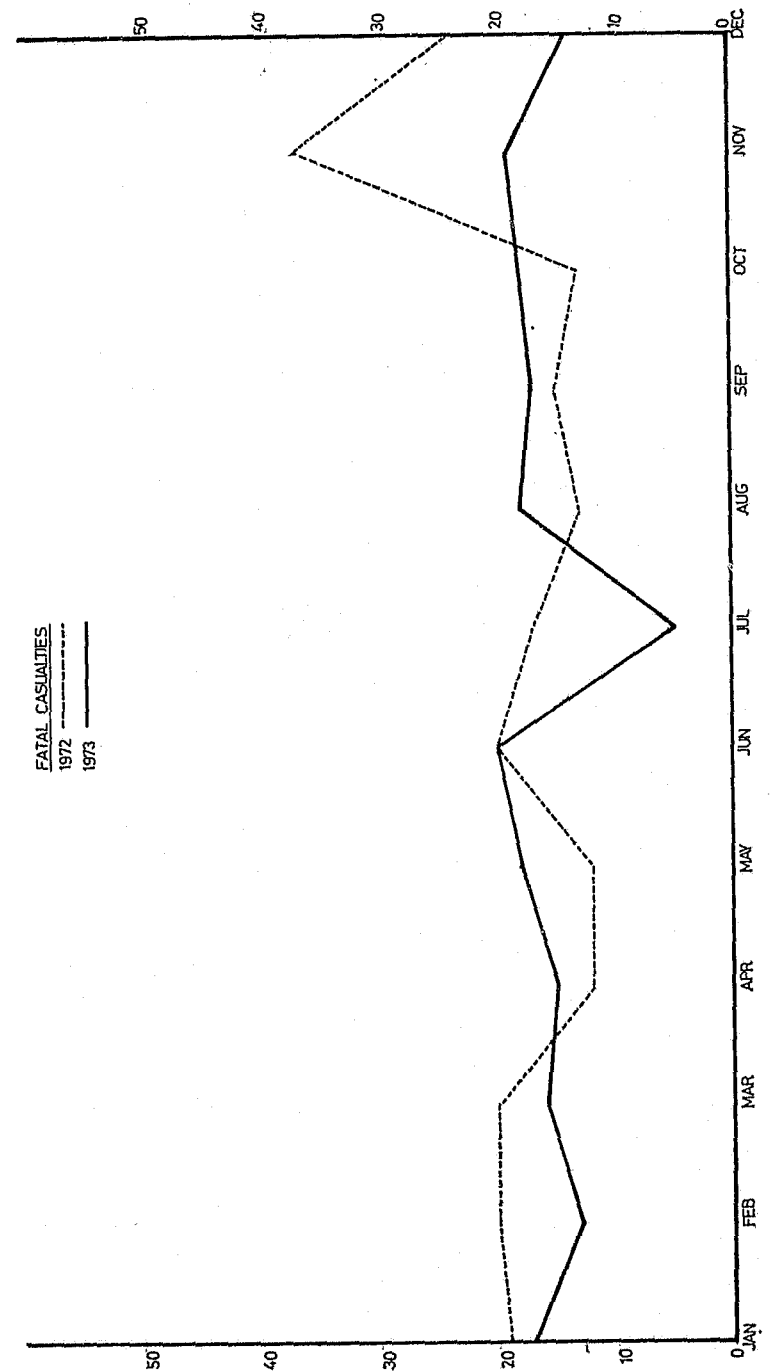
Year	ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION		CASUALTIES	
	Fatal	Personal Injury	Killed	Injured
1973	178	5,829	190	8,012
1972	200	5,978	222	8,242

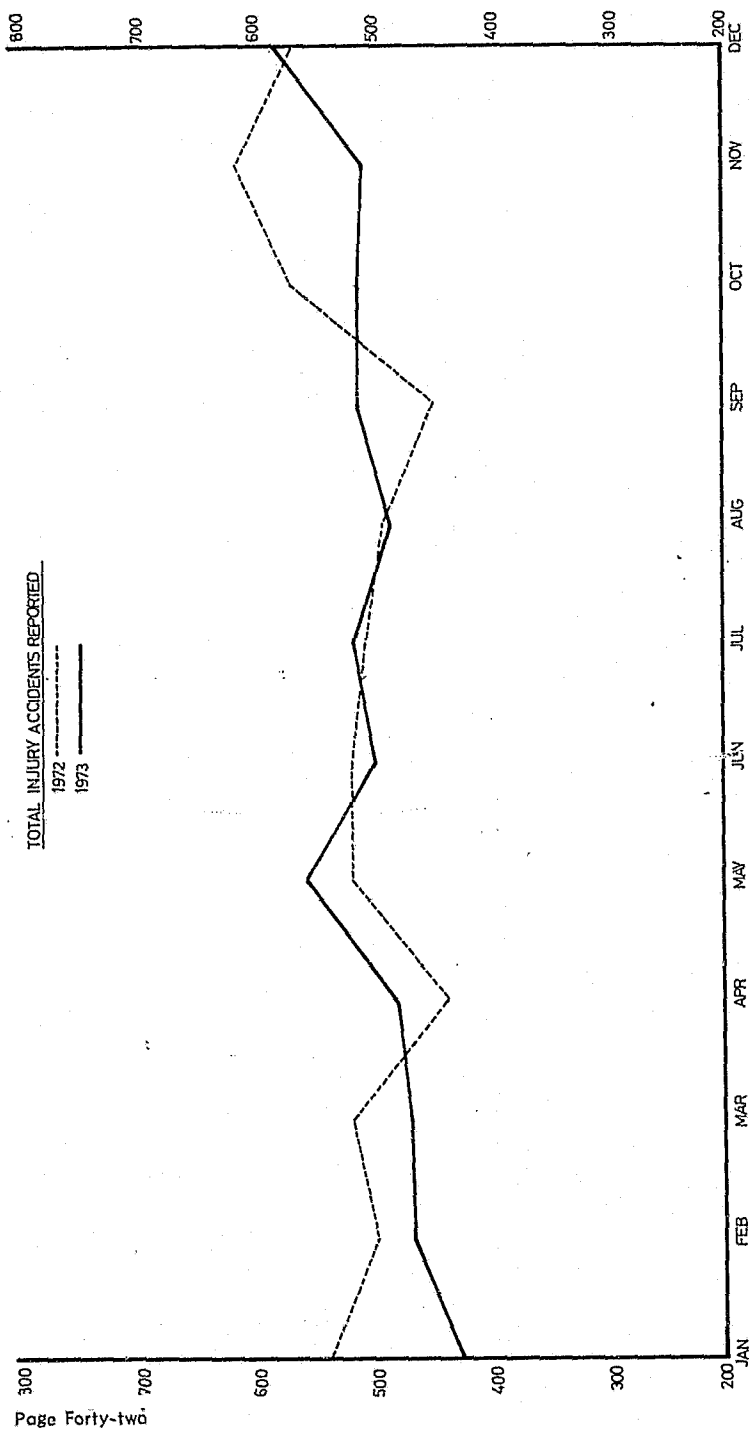
Comparative chart showing classes of casualties:

Killed	1972		CLASSIFICATION	Killed	1973	
	Serious Injury	Slight Injury			Serious Injury	Slight Injury
16	177	736	Pedestrians under 15 years of age	16	161	598
53	236	597	Pedestrians over 15 years of age	49	206	617
3	44	239	Pedal Cyclists under 15 years of age	5	46	201
5	49	264	Pedal Cyclists over 15 years of age	8	47	244
23	264	738	Motor Cyclists	19	268	764
66	458	1,868	Other Drivers	59	449	1,880
6	43	146	Pillion Passengers	3	36	111
50	381	2,002	Other Persons	31	371	2,013
222	1,652	6,590		190	1,584	6,428

Comparative chart showing ages of child casualties:

KILLED		AGE	INJURED	
1972	1973		1972	1973
1	—	1 year	39	46
2	2	2 years	68	63
—	1	3 years	83	90
2	2	4 years	124	107
2	2	5 years	119	86
3	2	6 years	125	105
2	3	7 years	129	96
2	4	8 years	143	130
—	3	9 years	136	116
1	—	10 years	115	104
1	—	11 years	125	102
3	—	12 years	115	102
2	3	13 years	123	107
2	—	14 years	125	110
23	22	TOTALS	1,569	1,364





TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The increased number of vehicles leads to more traffic congestion and a constant exchange of views has taken place during the year between the police and highway authorities, in an attempt to improve the traffic flow and reduce accidents. It is essential that consultation should be made at an early stage when traffic management proposals are being considered if they are to be successful.

Meetings have been held at many accident black spots in an attempt to improve conditions, and we have regularly attended meetings with representatives of local authorities and other organisations to discuss proposals to improve traffic conditions.

During the year work has continued on further sections of the M56 Motorway, the Ellesmere Port Motorway and the extensions of the Expressway and the bus way system at Runcorn New Town. Police Officers have attended regular meetings in connection with these and other major road construction schemes.

ROAD SAFETY

Divisional Road Safety Officers represent the police on the various local road safety committees within their area, and the Chief Superintendent, Traffic, is a member of both the Merseyside and South East Lancashire and Cheshire Accident Prevention Federations.

Co-operation with local authority organisations in the running of pre-driver training schemes in schools has continued. Visits to schools and other educational establishments continue to be a regular function of the department, and in this respect, an attempt to influence road users' attitudes has been tried out with the older age groups at colleges of further education and senior schools. These schemes have been well received by the teaching staffs of these establishments.

Road Safety exhibitions have been staged in various parts of the County during the year. Two major exhibitions in connection with "Open Weeks" at Crewe and Wallasey Police Stations have been staged, together with many further exhibitions with other organisations.

Training schemes in connection with the National Cycling Proficiency Scheme have been supported and the department has been active in both training and testing of candidates.

The Force Road Safety Review entitled "Facts and Figures" continues to be published monthly.

TRAFFIC WARDENS

The strength on 31st December 1973 was 105, distributed as follows:

Birkenhead	...	...	23	Congleton	...	...	2
Bebington	...	...	1	Sandbach	...	...	1
Hoylake	...	...	2	Macclesfield	...	...	8
Chester City	...	...	16	Wilmslow	...	...	3
Ellesmere Port	...	...	4	Hazel Grove	...	...	1
Altrincham	...	...	4	Cheadle Hulme	...	...	1

Sale	3	Cheadle	1
Runcorn	3	Bramhall	1
Northwich	5	Stockport	10
Winsford	1	Stalybridge	4
Crewe	8	Hyde	2
Nantwich	1		

FIXED PENALTY TICKET SYSTEM

This table shows how the use of this system has again increased in the prosecution of the following offences:

1. Parking a motor vehicle in a street where parking is prohibited.
2. Parking a motor vehicle for longer than permitted in that part of the street where parking is limited.
3. Parking a motor vehicle on a road during the hours of darkness without displaying the lights required by law.
4. Parking a motor vehicle on a road and failing to display a current excise licence.

Date	Tickets issued	Paid and Percentage	Payment Excused	Process
1967	698	630—90%	60	8
1968	5,871	5,134—87%	648	89
1969	7,175	6,200—86.5%	862	113
1970	15,643	12,733—81.5%	2,685	225
1971	41,206	31,088—75%	9,386	732
1972	49,464	36,437—73.3%	11,545	1,644
1973	60,853	40,294—66.2%	10,696	786

There are 9,077 tickets still under enquiry for 1973 and the percentage of tickets paid will increase when these enquiries are completed.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

31 motorists were prosecuted for failing to comply with the signs exhibited by the School Crossing Patrols during the year.

13 accidents occurred on school crossing points manned either by patrols or police officers compared with 12 accidents in 1972. 2 of the accidents are still under investigation.

4 of the accidents were the result of children walking into the roadway and being hit by a vehicle while a School Crossing Patrol or Police Officer was in attendance. 2 of the children were seriously injured and 2 slightly injured. 1 motorist was prosecuted to conviction.

3 of the accidents did not involve school children or school crossing patrols.

3 of the accidents resulted in School Crossing Patrols being hit by passing motor vehicles and each of the patrols was slightly injured. One of the motorists was prosecuted to conviction, the other two motorists failed to stop after the accident and have not been traced.

The other accident resulted in a traffic warden performing school crossing patrol duty being slightly injured when she was touched by a passing motorist. No proceedings were commenced in this case.

COMMUNICATIONS

During the year, telephone traffic handled in the Information Room has remained fairly constant. There has been a 1% increase in total telephone calls and only a marginal increase in 999 calls. There has been an 18% increase in 999 automatic silent burglar alarms. Incidents attended by Traffic Patrol cars and Panda vehicles have increased by 6.7%.

INFORMATION ROOM

MESSAGE ANALYSIS

	1972	1973
Total telephone calls	122,264	123,625
999 calls	74,515	74,681
Ordinary calls	47,749	48,944
999 Auto alarms	7,102	8,389
Total radio calls logged	466,168	451,825
Total teleprinter messages	95,026	99,035
Teleprinter messages received	47,653	56,183
Teleprinter messages despatched	47,373	42,852
Incidents attended—Traffic and Pandas	120,959	129,157
Stolen vehicle index checks	25,804	27,685
Wanted persons index checks	1,194	1,519

MOTORWAY MATRIX SIGNALLING

The signalling has been activated for 1,070 incidents covering a total time of 8,879 hours, 21 minutes.

POLICE NATIONAL COMPUTER

The first two terminals for Police National Computer were installed in the Information Room in December, one being a Visual Display Unit and the other a Dataprinter.

RADIO

VHF FORCE RADIO

VHF Radio is fitted in 223 cars and vans and on 55 motor-cycles.

UHF PERSONAL RADIO

Pye Mascot integrated control units have now been installed in 13 of the 16 Unit Beat Controls.

A total of 763 personal radios are now in use in the Force.

COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE

During the year, a Bedford vehicle which was previously used by the Police Mobile Column has been purchased and installed with VHF and UHF radio equipment, a Post Office switchboard and extensions, and ancillary equipment such as heating and lighting. Provision is made for connection to mains electricity supply or portable generator and a 2 Kw generator is carried in the vehicle for this purpose.

This Communications Vehicle is for use at major incidents, emergencies, serious crimes, etc.

Chapter V

ACCOMMODATION AND WELFARE

BUILDING PROGRAMME

The planning and construction of new police buildings has continued unabated in 1973. The new Wallasey Divisional Headquarters became operational in January. July saw the completion of the Instructional Block conversion at the Force Training Centre, Crewe, complete with modern Lecture Theatre which provides tutorial facilities to complement the existing excellent residential accommodation. During the year work commenced on the extensive additions to the Vehicle Maintenance Unit at Crewe which is due for completion at the latter end of 1974.

A start was also made during the year on the new Section Stations at Nantwich and Middlewich and a Sub-Divisional Headquarters at Congleton. Building also continued on the new Macclesfield Station which is now to be extended as a Divisional Headquarters and the close of the year saw the new Police Station in Runcorn New Town become operational.

One house was purchased new during 1973, 45 houses were disposed of and 4 rented houses were relinquished.

The scheme approved by the Police Authority in 1971 for the sale of police houses to police occupants has continued in operation, and a further 133 houses were referred for negotiation with a view to their sale to the occupants.

983 houses are now owned by the Authority.

WELFARE

The Welfare Officer has continued to advise and assist on a variety of problems affecting members of the Force, civilian staff, pensioners and widows and has lectured all courses at the Force Training Centre, Crewe.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

The following Police Athletic Association events were organised by the Cheshire Constabulary Sports Club:

North West Region Championships—Billiards, Table Tennis, Badminton, Crown Green Bowls.

ANGLING

A full programme of inter-divisional, inter-force and open matches has been held. Altrincham Division won the inter divisional league. In the PAA National Championships, individual representatives were Constable HOOPER (Macclesfield Division) 7th and Inspector G. HUTCHESON (Chester Division) 9th.

BOWLS

All divisions entered the Inter-Divisional League and Cup Matches. The winners were Macclesfield Division.

In PAA activities, Cheshire were runners-up in the North West Region Championships. At the National Championships, Constable K. MASON became the Police National Champion.

CRICKET

Stalybridge Division won the Inter-Divisional League and the Chief Constable's Cup. In the Northern Police Cricket League, Cheshire were runners-up.

GOLF

Competitions were held for the Chief Constable's Cup and the Coroner's Cup. Friendly matches were played against Liverpool and Bootle, Manchester & Salford and Derbyshire, and a three day event against the City of London Police. Cheshire entered teams in the Hart Trophy.

JUDO

A Judo Beginners Course was organised by Inspector MISKELL at Stockport. Constable R. JACKSON competed in the National Championships and reached the quarter finals.

RUGBY

The 1972/73 season ended with a playing record of:

Played—29 Won—19 Drawn—1 Lost—9

Constable T. ATHERTON of Birkenhead Division represented the British Police on three occasions.

In the PAA competition the force team reached the area final.

SEA ANGLING

Inter-Divisional league matches have been held at various venues.

The Force Championship was held at Bridlington in October, with 82 competitors catching a total of 954 lbs. 9 ozs. of fish. Individual champion, Constable G. ASHWORTH, caught 42 lbs.

A team was entered in the PAA National Championships and placed 27th.

SHOOTING

Three Inter-Divisional Competitions were held for the Ross Cup. Stockport Division were winners.

The Force team were placed 2nd in the team event in the PAA National Meeting at Disley.

At the Cheshire Constabulary Invitation Meeting the Force Team won the Challenge Shield, beating the PAA champions, Birmingham City and six other force teams.

SOCCER

Playing in the Premier Division, Central Cheshire League the Force team gained a mid-league position. Friendly fixtures were played against Gwynedd, West Mercia, West Yorkshire.

In the Inter-Divisional League and the Chief Constable's Cup competitions, Macclesfield were the winners with the Northwich Division runners-up.

SWIMMING

There has been a reduction in the amount of competitive swimming this year. A team was entered in the City of London Police Swimming Gala.

Constable WILLIAMS of Wallasey Division was selected for the British Police Team.

The Mersey Swim was again organised by Wallasey Division.

MOTOR CLUB

Members have taken part in a number of car rallies. In the Northern Star Rally, Constable P. KNIGHT (Crewe Division) obtained an award as best novice.

Members have continued to be active in the conveyance of handicapped people to social events.

POLICE FEDERATION

The four statutory meetings of the Joint Branch Board were held during the year, as well as the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 17th October 1973, at the Stamford Hall, Altrincham, and was addressed by the Assistant Chief Constable, C. WOODCOCK, Esq.; and the Chairman of the Cheshire Police Authority, Alderman C. L. S. CORNWALL-LEGH, O.B.E., J.P., D.L., and the Chairman of the New Cheshire Police Committee, Councillor G. C. RYLANDS. The Guest Speaker was Inspector P. FAIRLEY, Metropolitan Police, and a member of the Joint Central Committee.

The Central Conferences of the Police Federation were held at Blackpool in May 1973, and were attended by members of the Cheshire Constabulary Joint Branch Board.

The Executive Committee of the Board has continued to meet the Chief Constable frequently and Board members have continued to serve on Force Working Parties, Committees, appropriate Selection Boards and to discharge their duties with responsibility.

A Guardian Board was set up to deal with matters affecting the Force in the Local Government Reorganisation of April 1974.

Chapter VI
LICENSING

LICENSING MATTERS

	1971	1972	1973
Licensees prosecuted	7	20	20

DRUNKENNESS

An overall increase has again been noted in offences involving drunkenness, as is shown in the following comparative charts:

Offence	1971	1972	1973
Drunk and Disorderly	659	667	937
Simple Drunkenness	204	191	288
Driving—Excess Alcohol, etc.	1,114	1,374	1,687

Comparative chart showing ages of offenders:

MALE				FEMALE		
1971	1972	1973	Ages of Offenders	1971	1972	1973
15	16	27	16 yrs. and under	—	8	1
380	385	527	17-20 yrs. ...	7	8	22
1536	1752	2238	Over 21 yrs. ...	39	63	97

LICENSING

LICENSED PREMISES				1971	1972	1973
Publicans 'On' Licences ... ..	...	...	...	1,786	1,730	1,731
Publicans 'Off' Licences ... ..	...	...	...	862	897	923
Restaurant Licences ... ..	...	...	...	221	238	259
Restaurants/Residential Licences ... ..	...	...	...	46	50	53
Residential Licences ... ..	...	...	...	20	21	16
Licensed Clubs ... ..	...	...	...	71	87	83
Registered Clubs ... ..	...	...	...	768	760	766
TOTAL ... ..	...	...	...	3,794	3,783	3,831

CLUBS

7 complaints were received regarding the conduct of clubs and proceedings were taken in two cases.

Comparative Chart of Certificates issued:

Type of Certificate	1971	1972	1973
Supper Hour Certificates	138	107	112
Extended Hours Certificates	9	5	5
Special Hour Certificates	37	40	46

Chapter VII
MISCELLANEOUS

ROYAL VISITS

Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Kent, visited the I.C.I. Winnington Works, Northwich on Saturday, 24th February 1973.

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Anne visited Cheshire on Saturday, 7th July 1973. She visited the Oval Sports Centre and attended the English Schools Athletic Association Championships at The Oval, Port Sunlight, Birkenhead Division.

His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales visited Chester on Saturday, 13th October 1973. He accepted the Honorary Freedom of the City of Chester, presented new Colours to the First Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment at Chester Castle and then attended a luncheon at County Hall, Chester.



AWARDS FOR COMMENDABLE ACTION

It is very pleasant to record that many members of the public have had their courageous actions recognised by the various Societies and the following awards have been made:

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY

Testimonial on Yellum:

Master M. J. BRODIE

Rescue of a playmate electrocuted on a railway line at Scholar Green.

Testimonial on Parchment:

Mr. T. K. ROBINSON

Rescue of a man from the sea at Blackpool.

Resuscitation Certificate:

Mr. M. VAUGHAN

Resuscitation of his own son following a house fire at Birkenhead.

Letters of Commendation:

Master G. McNAMEE

Attempted rescue of a man from Bangor swimming pool, C'narvonshire.
Rescue of a child from a pond at Holmes Chapel.

Mrs. J. WOLSTENCROFT

LIVERPOOL SHIPWRECK & HUMANE SOCIETY

Framed Certificates:

Mr. J. BIRTLES

Attempted rescue of a child from the Trent and Mersey Canal at Barnton.
Rescue of a child from the canal at Adlington.

Mr. H. ROBINSON

Rescue of baby brother from the canal at Hyde.

Miss Wendy BROOMHAM

Miss Judith BROOMHAM

Resuscitation Certificate:

Miss V. LOWN

Resuscitation of a woman rescued from the East Float, Birkenhead.

Letters of Commendation:

Mr. N. CHEETHAM

Rescue of a child from the canal at Scholar Green.

Mr. B. FARRELL

Rescue of a man from a reservoir at Dukinfield.

Mr. J. E. RICHARD

Rescue of a youth from a capsized yacht on Marbury Mere.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE FROM FIRE

Joint Framed Certificate:

Mr. & Mrs. H. McAULEY

Rescue of a man and a woman from a fire in a block of flats at Stockport.

Framed Certificates:

Mr. I. GRIFFITHS

Rescue of a father and son from a house fire at Macclesfield.

Mr. N. WILMOTT

Rescue of a man from a house fire at Moreton.

Mr. F. J. BALCOMBE

Mr. J. R. A. MOIR

Rescue of a family of five from a burning car at Northop, Flintshire.

Mr. D. M. CODD

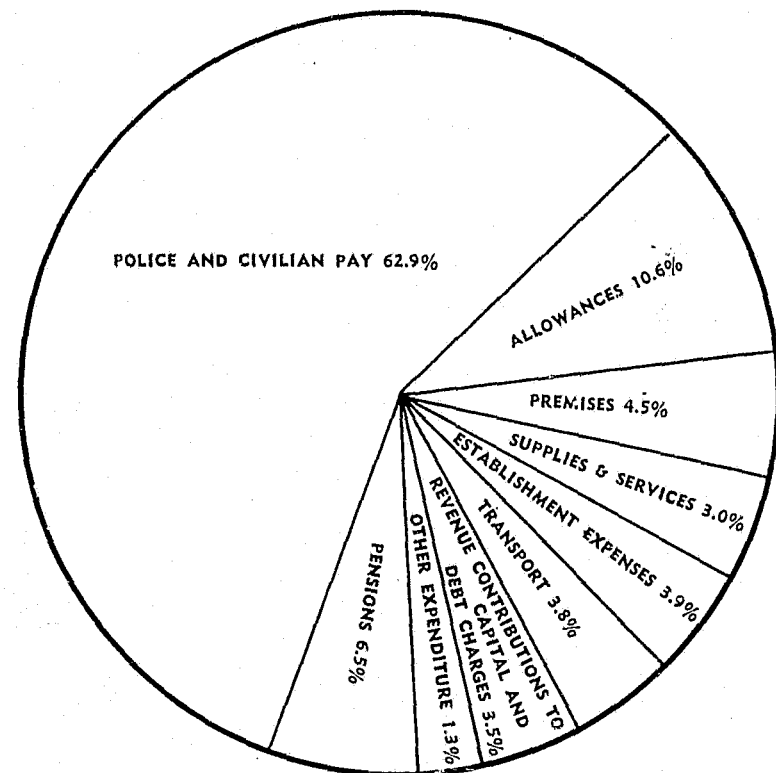
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FINANCE

The estimated nett expenditure for 1973-74, exclusive of Home Office grants, is £11,517,970, an increase of £1,666,865 or 16.9% of the 1972-73 actual cost.

The allocation of the current year's expenditure under various headings is shown below.

Of the increase, police pay and allowances account for 66%, which reflects the effect of a pay award, additional recruitment and increases in allowances.



1973-74 BUDGETED EXPENDITURE FIREARMS

On the 31st December 1973 there were 4941 firearms certificates in force in the Cheshire Police district.

During 1973, 394 firearms certificates were issued and 382 were cancelled or revoked.

1506 certificates were renewed during 1973.

The Chief Constable refused to grant certificates in 14 instances. Three applicants appealed, two appeals were dismissed and one was upheld.

The following list shows the quantity, types and calibre of firearms held on the current firearms certificates:

	1972	1973
Up to .23 inch calibre Rifles	5,024	3,739
Up to .23 inch calibre Pistols/Revolvers	619	578
Over .23 inch calibre Rifles	708	784
Over .23 inch calibre Pistols/Revolvers	732	759
Humane Killers for slaughter of animals	462	378
Signalling pistols and miniflares	164	124
Smooth Bore Guns and Combination Rifles/Shotguns	110	102
Especially dangerous Air Weapons and C.O.2 guns	14	10
TOTALS	7,833	6,474

SHOTGUNS

On 31st December 1973 there were 18,373 shotgun certificates in force in the Cheshire Police District.

1,670 shotgun certificates were issued, and 812 were cancelled or revoked.

5,509 shotgun certificates were renewed during the year and the Chief Constable refused to grant or renew 49 certificates. One appeal against his decision was received but this was dismissed.

During the year all firearm and shotgun records were computerised.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

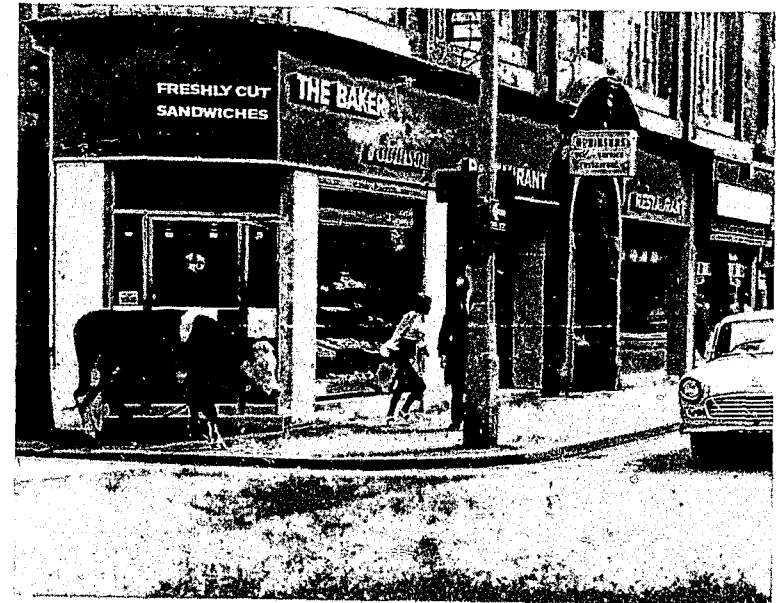
No outbreak of this disease has been confirmed in the county.

SWINE VESICULAR DISEASE

Four cases of this disease have been confirmed in the county during the past year. At the year's end a controlled area was in force comprising the whole of Yorkshire, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire and that part of Cheshire consisting of the County Borough of Stockport, the Boroughs of Dukinfield, Hyde and Stalybridge and Urban Districts of Bredbury and Romiley, Cheadle and Gatley, Hazel Grove and Bramhall and Marple.

In addition many contact premises have been placed under restrictions (Form D).

New legislation has been introduced to place a more stringent control over the use of waste food as a feeding stuff for pigs in an attempt to prevent further outbreaks.



At 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th July 1973, a young bull escaped from Stockport Abattoir on Lancashire Hill. The animal made its way towards the River Tame. After swimming the River Tame, the animal made its way into the centre of Stockport. Police had evacuated the public in advance and no one was injured. During its period of freedom the bull entered on Infants' School which fortunately was empty. The bull continued down the busy A.6 where it was eventually cornered in a pedestrian pathway near to Daw Bank. The animal was at large for just over two hours.

SHEEP SCAB

This disease has reappeared in Cheshire for the first time in many years. One case was confirmed at Disley and many contact sheep have been dipped under police supervision on farms throughout the county.

Dipping and Movement Area Restrictions are in force in parts of the counties of Lancashire and West Riding of Yorkshire, the City of Lancaster and the Borough of Nelson.

NEWCASTLE DISEASE

Three cases were confirmed early in the year.

GENERAL

Three persons were prosecuted under the Diseases of Animals Act 1950.

- Moved three pigs out of a Swine Vesicular Disease controlled area—Fined £5.
- Feeding unboiled waste—Fined £20.
- Feeding unboiled waste—Fined £50.

BETTING OFFICE LICENCES

	1972	1973
Licences	396	385

BOOKMAKERS' PERMITS

	1972	1973
Permits	195	181

MUSIC, DANCING & BILLIARDS LICENCES

Issued	1972	1973
Music and Dancing	617	881
Music	116	134
Billiards	1	1

PEDLARS' CERTIFICATES

Issued	1972	1973
	70	70

LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

Lost	1972	1973
Reported	21,320	20,817
Restored to Owner	2,227	2,604
Found		
Reported	20,998	22,568
Restored to Owner	8,197	8,008

DOGS

	1972	1973
Lost	2,991	3,217
Seized	5,261	5,517

FORCE BAND

The band had another extremely busy year, completing many varied engagements.

In April the band competed in the North West Regional Contest at Preston, gaining second place and qualifying for the National Finals in London in October, where they were placed 12th out of 25.

Many of their engagements were at police/public Church services, which have proved to be so popular.



During the evening of Tuesday, 14th August 1973, a fire was discovered at the Grosvenor Hotel, Eastgate Street, Chester, and damage to the structure and interior fittings amounting to approximately £100,000 was caused. This was the largest fire in the city for 16 years and fortunately there were no persons injured.

Chapter VIII
APPENDICES

APPENDIX 'A'

SUMMARY OF CRIME FOR 1971, 1972 & 1973

No.	Classification	1971	1972	1973
1	Murder	5	5	7
2	Attempt to Murder	7	6	11
3	Threats or Conspiracy to Murder	2	—	4
4	Manslaughter	3	7	3
4A	Infanticide	—	—	—
4B	Child Destruction	—	—	—
4C	Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	28	44	31
5	Felonious Wounding	35	36	70
6	Endangering Railway Passengers	—	1	—
7	Endangering Life at Sea	—	—	—
8	Malicious Wounding (Misdemeanour)	1,023	1,080	1,382
9	Assault	—	—	—
12	Abandoning Children under two years	—	1	—
13	Child Stealing	3	1	2
14	Procuring Abortion	—	—	—
15	Concealment of Birth	—	2	1
16	Buggery	10	14	9
17	Attempt to Commit Buggery, etc.	82	105	123
18	Indecency between Males	9	5	3

CLASS I—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

SUMMARY OF CRIME FOR 1971, 1972 & 1973

		No.	Classification	1971	1972	1973
CLASS 1 OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON	19	Rape	14	18	18	
	20	Indecent Assault on Female	274	309	313	
	21	Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with girl under 13 years	1	10	6	
	22	Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with girl between 13 and 16 years	83	82	66	
	23	Incest	8	10	2	
	24	Procuration	5	—	1	
	25	Abduction	2	—	3	
	26	Bigamy	4	6	4	
	TOTAL OF CLASS 1	1,598	1,742	2,059		
CLASS 2 OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE	28	Burglary in a dwelling (including attempts)	5,699	5,776	5,208	
	29	Aggravated Burglary in dwelling (including attempts)	—	6	4	
	30	Burglary (other than dwelling) (including attempts)	6,560	6,490	5,201	
	31	Aggravated Burglary (other than dwelling) (including attempts)	2	4	—	
	33	Going equipped to steal	88	137	144	
	34	Robbery	158	164	126	
	35	Blackmail	4	12	11	
		TOTAL OF CLASS 2	12,511	12,589	10,694	

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

SUMMARY OF CRIME FOR 1971, 1972 & 1973

		No.	Classification	1971	1972	1973
CLASS 3 OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE	39	Stealing from the Person	167	178	121	
	40	Stealing in dwelling (other than Automatic meter)	563	583	533	
	41	Stealing by Employee	913	821	802	
	42	Stealing of Post Letters	46	37	46	
	44	Stealing of Pedal Cycles	2,012	1,903	1,589	
	45	Stealing from Vehicles	4,043	3,921	3,786	
	46	Stealing from Shops/Stalls	2,891	3,230	3,234	
	47	Stealing from Automatic Meter	755	660	574	
	48 (1)	Stealing of Motor Vehicle	752	773	786	
	48 (2)	Unauthorised taking of Motor Vehicle	3,498	4,476	4,274	
48 (3)	Offences of stealing Motor Vehicle where the offence is subsequently found to be taking and driving away	1,058	1,244	1,196		
49	Other theft or Unauthorised Taking	4,605	4,469	4,481		

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

SUMMARY OF CRIME FOR 1971, 1972 & 1973

		No.	Classification	1971	1972	1973
CLASS 3 OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE	51	Frauds by Directors/Agents	...	—	5	—
	52	False Accounting	...	68	82	73
	53	Obtaining Property by Deception/Other Fraud	...	1,254	1,123	1,034
	54	Handling stolen goods	...	890	871	815
	TOTAL OF CLASS 3			23,515	24,376	23,344
CLASS 4 MALICIOUS INJURIES TO PROPERTY	56	Arson	...	98	98	142
	57	Other Malicious Damage	...	554	788	1,027
	58		...			
	59		...			
TOTAL OF CLASS 4			652	886	1,169	
CLASS 5 FORGERY & OFFENCES AGAINST THE CURRENCY	60	Forgery	...	218	193	229
	61		...			
TOTAL OF CLASS 5			218	193	229	

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

SUMMARY OF CRIME FOR 1971, 1972 & 1973

		No.	Classification	1971	1972	1973
CLASS 6 OFFENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE CLASSES	62	High Treason	...	—	—	—
	63	Treason Felony	...	—	—	—
	64	Riot	...	—	—	—
	65	Unlawful Assembly	...	—	—	—
	66	Other Offences against the State or Public Order	...	—	—	—
	67	Perjury	...	1	2	3
	68	Libel	...	3	2	1
	76	Aiding Suicide	...	—	—	—
	99	Other Indictable Offences	...	48	45	59
TOTAL OF CLASS 6			52	49	63	
TOTALS	TOTAL OF CLASS 1			1,598	1,742	2,059
	TOTAL OF CLASS 2			12,511	12,589	10,694
	TOTAL OF CLASS 3			23,515	24,376	23,344
	TOTAL OF CLASS 4			652	886	1,169
	TOTAL OF CLASS 5			218	193	229
	TOTAL OF CLASS 6			52	49	63
	TOTAL OF CLASSES 1—6			38,546	39,835	37,558
	NO CRIMES			2,095	2,174	1,462
TOTAL REPORTED			40,641	42,009	39,020	

APPENDIX 'B'

SUMMARY OF RECORDED CRIME FOR 1973

DIVISION	CLASS 1 Offences against the Person	CLASS 2 Offences against Property with Violence	CLASS 3 Offences against Property without Violence	CLASS 4 Malicious Injuries to Property	CLASS 5 Forgery and other Offences against the Currency	CLASS 6 Other Offences not included in Classes 1—5	Total True Crime	No Crimes	Total Crime Com- plaints	% Detected True Crime
BIRKENHEAD	356	1,863	3,616	195	41	9	6,080	275	6,355	51
WALLASEY	255	1,369	2,358	163	23	—	4,168	113	4,281	49
CHESTER	217	1,022	3,159	118	37	2	4,555	197	4,752	56
ALTRINCHAM	256	1,162	2,996	136	18	3	4,571	136	4,707	46
NORTHWICH	141	479	1,043	81	25	2	1,771	72	1,843	54
CREWE	236	810	2,172	76	18	3	3,315	275	3,590	56
MACCLESFIELD	210	1,113	2,219	117	24	14	3,697	149	3,846	45
STOCKPORT	187	1,918	4,161	182	22	3	6,473	169	6,642	41
STALYBRIDGE	201	958	1,620	101	21	27	2,928	76	3,004	56
TOTAL	2,059	10,694	23,344	1,169	229	63	37,558	1,462	39,020	50

APPENDIX 'C'

Persons prosecuted for non-indictable offences, other than motoring offences, during 1972 and 1973.

Offence	1972	1973
Offences against Wireless Telegraphy	...	...
Liquor Laws ...	1,082	724
Motor Vehicles Licensing Offences	1,017	1,386
Offences against Firearms Act	3,303	3,810
Pedal Cycle Offences	169	216
Revenue Law Offences	84	86
Disorderly Behaviour ...	117	126
Offences in relation to Dogs ...	463	713
Offences in relation to Railways	61	50
Offences against National Insurance Acts	200	89
Others	217	221
	2,055	2,160

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