

Steve Brine MP

My Year at a Glance

MAY 2011 – The year started well with a new Conservative council in Winchester moving fast to scrap Sunday parking charges. I visited Henry Beaufort School, opened (a very wet) Kings Worthy Fete and dropped into Arqiva near Crawley (pictured right second from top).

JUNE 2011 – The deluge continued as I opened the very first Festival of Volunteering and I was honoured to start the Race 4 Life in Winchester. I led the annual Cycle Cavalcade and was swamped with emails complaining about the fiasco of the JLS concert at Matterley Bowl. Held a special Carers Week surgery in Eastleigh.

JULY 2011 – Opened the brand new Winnall Job Club, visited Westgate School, the Nightshelter and finally made it up onto the stunning Hockley Viaduct. Also chaired a packed public meeting that would lead to success in securing a new crossing at the junction of St Cross Road/Lower Stanmore Lane.

AUGUST 2011 – My first Summer Tour and the weather even played ball! Addressed the Winchester Rotary Summer Dinner and battled with the Environment Agency on behalf of constituents relying on septic tanks, as new regulations threatened.

SEPTEMBER 2011 – Helped two bright young things launch a new online golf app for iPhone in Chandler's Ford (pictured right third from top), hosted the long-needed Twyford Traffic Summit and attended Oli B and Bighton fetes. Also brought the key players together to fight for the future of bus services in and around Alresford.

OCTOBER 2011 – Visited the Toe-by-Toe reading project at HMP Winchester and addressed a packed Theatre Royal public meeting titled 'The Future of Winchester' no less! Visited the local Samaritans, Harestock School and chaired a public meeting on police services in Alresford/Itchen Valley.

NOVEMBER 2011 – Opened Steve's Barber Shop in Oli B, visited Perins School (in Alresford) and Hittingbury Junior School. Also spoke out against enlargement of the High Street market in Winchester and revealed the winner of my first Christmas Card competition.

DECEMBER 2011 – Out on the town with the Winchester Street Pastors, visited Winchester Youth FC's impressive set-up and did my annual shift at the Cathedral Refectory. Spent a fascinating period selling the Big Issue in Winchester.

JANUARY 2012 – With Emily, addressed staff and supporters of the outgoing Hospital Trust at the RHCH (pictured top right), visited The Kings School, South Wonston and Weeke Primary Schools. Also addressed the local business community at the BiD/Chamber of Commerce Breakfast.

FEBRUARY 2012 – Visited Bushfield Down to hear of plans for 'village green' status (pictured right second from bottom) and held another 'street surgery' in Alresford. Brought Health Secretary Andrew Lansley to the RHCH, Schools Minister Nick Gibb to the University of Winchester and summoned SSE Power to an emergency meeting about future electricity supply in Kings Worthy.

MARCH 2012 – Visited One Community in Eastleigh, opened Bathstore in Winnall and a new affordable homes development in Kings Worthy. Attended the unveiling of the Jubilee Garden at Fryern Recreation Ground.

APRIL 2012 – Welcomed news that the Port of Southampton will get its badly needed upgrade, supported the new Bishop of Winchester as he took up his post and finally saw some progress for our road safety campaign in Highbridge Road, Colden Common.



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what they say about their local MP



"You have won so many hearts and minds in your constituency and tremendous respect. You have gone far beyond the call of duty in so many ways."

Chris Slattery, Winchester (and of Save Barton Farm Group)

(pictured in blue at High Court in London with Steve and others)



"Brilliant Service. You can't get better than that!"

Terry Revell, Otterbourne



"You are doing a marvellous job in representing the residents of Winchester, and I have never heard anyone to date say anything to the contrary, so well done and keep up the fantastic work."

Ceara & Trevor Watson, Kings Worthy

"In my time, as a householder in Winchester, I have at times been associated with your predecessors. Not one of them had ever shown your dedication to Winchester."

Ron Cassidy, Winchester



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Annual Report

2011/2012

For Winchester, Alresford, Chandler's Ford and surrounding villages from Conservative MP Steve Brine

Dear Resident,

It is now two years since I became your local MP and I am pleased to publish my second annual report.

Representing this constituency is a real privilege and I never take it for granted. It is also tremendously hard work and, as my family will testify, a real seven days a week job. The response from local people has been brilliant so far and I thank you for your support and encouragement.

At the forefront of the past year locally has been my campaign to bring a new primary school to Winchester. We clearly have an acute problem in the city, with temporary classrooms needed at a number of schools. I have been working closely with parents, teachers, governors and the county council to produce sustainable proposals for the long-term and remain positive we will get the new permanent places we need. You can see more inside this report.

In Parliament I remain a critical friend of this coalition Government (not always finding favour with the Government whips it has to be said!) and one of the most active backbench MPs in the Parliament. In addition to my work with a number of Ministers and some key All-Party Groups, I have joined the powerful Justice Select Committee this year.

My casework continues to be huge and knocking on doors again this year it is clear how many of you have been in touch already with problems or about local/national issues which are on your mind.

I said from the start I would be the most open and accessible MP we've ever had and I am still working hard to do that. Feel free to drop me a line or simply pop into the 'shop' on Stockbridge Road in Winchester.

Steve

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Winchester & Chandler's Ford

Steve Brine MP can help you...

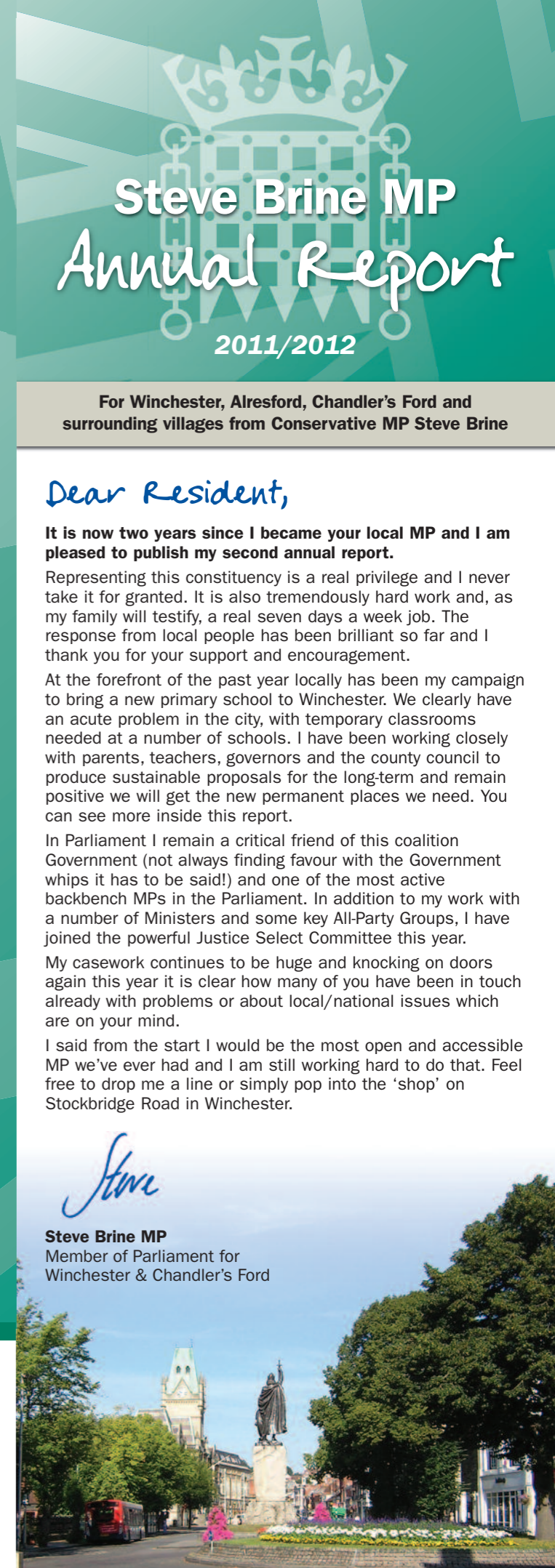
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Working Hard for Winchester



and Chandler's Ford



Steve cross examines Jack Straw MP as part of the FOI inquiry

STEVE ELECTED TO POWERFUL COMMITTEE

I have been elected to a powerful House of Commons committee during the past year and now sit on the Justice Select Committee, chaired by experienced Lib Dem MP Sir Alan Beith, following an election among MPs just before Christmas.

My work on the JSC took me to Copenhagen and Norway recently as part of our big ongoing inquiry into youth justice. This is an agenda I care about a great deal; we should steer troubled youngsters away from the criminal justice system, with its appalling rate of reoffending, and save taxpayers billions in the long run. My work on the committee is fascinating and our inquiries into Freedom of Information, as well as youth justice, will no doubt receive wide media coverage this year. www.stevebrine.com/westminster

MP LEADS NEW SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

One of my biggest campaigns this past year has been (and continues to be) the urgent need for a new primary school in Winchester.

My post-bag, my surgery and the number of temporary classrooms that are having to come online for September 2012 tell us there is a real problem in the city and Hampshire County Council must act so we can accommodate future Reception Year children and maintain the excellent standard of schooling we enjoy at the moment.

The response to our campaign has been extremely positive with a full consultation being launched in April that could help. I addressed a big public meeting at Westgate School in May (pictured bottom right) on the issue and I am urging all parents, future parents and members of the local education community to have their say. As a father of two small children myself, I know how important this subject is and would point you in the direction of my dedicated webpage on the subject which can be accessed via www.stevebrine.com/newschool



Steve addressing the public meeting at Westgate School

WESTMINSTER REPORT

The Queen's Speech in May 2012 marked the end of one of the longest Parliamentary sessions in history.

During that period important legislation has reached the statute book; the welfare reforms that are going to cap benefits and make work pay; the education reforms that have already opened the doors of opportunity to thousands of children; the deficit reduction plans that are putting our economy on a sound footing and helping Britain avoid the storms they are suffering elsewhere in Europe. Across every area of our national life this is a Government that is resolutely looking at the long-term; taking tough – sometimes unpopular – decisions to restore our country to strength.

I support this Government but I have not been afraid to speak out and to vote against it as I did over the issue of whether we should ask the people of this country about the future of our relationship with the European Union.



Working in my role as co-chair of the Breast Cancer Group



In my Westminster office



With students from Osborne School in Portcullis House

A LOCAL VOICE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

In the past year I have spoken in the House on a wide range of subjects, including:

- The urgent need to deport Abu Qatada from our country
- A landmark debate on Assisted Suicide
- The National Planning Policy Framework
- The Times 'Safer Cycling' campaign
- Tackling illegal workers
- Daylight Savings Bill
- The Health & Social Care Bill
- Future of the Port of Southampton
- UK trade with emerging economies
- Support for victims of PIP breast implants
- New approach to crime avoidance among young people
- Tackling youth knife crime
- The 'silent national scandal' of Ovarian Cancer
- New money to ease school place shortages
- I also led a debate on the future of children's heart surgery in the Commons Chamber.

You can see full details of all my work on your behalf in Parliament via www.stevebrine.com/westminster

TAX CUT... FOR LOW PAID TAXES

Along with dozens of other coalition MPs, I have lobbied the Chancellor hard this year to make good our pledge to increase the personal tax allowance.

The move on income tax in the Budget of Spring 2012 lifts some of the poorest people I represent out of tax altogether. This is not only fair and just, but a crucial way to generate growth as it puts money in people's pockets. We are now tantalisingly close to that £10,000 threshold and on course to get there well before 2015 as we promised.

From 1st April 2012 you can now earn £8,105 before you pay a penny of tax and £9,205 from April 2013.

Everyone knows someone that Steve has helped already!

I continue to hold a weekly surgery, in Winchester and Chandler's Ford, on a Friday. I also take my surgery out and about each August as part of my Summer Tour.

If you have a problem and would like my help, please contact my caseworker Gabrielle Mancini on 0207 219 7189 or email steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk

Another key service MPs provide for constituents is to organise tours of Parliament and even trips up Big Ben! If you would like to visit or arrange a larger school, college or University trip I can help. Please contact Juliet Henderson on 01962 791110 or email steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk



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