

Steve Brine MP

Year at a Glance

- MAY 2010** – I was elected as the new MP for Winchester & Chandler's Ford with a majority of 3,048. In Parliament I attended my first State Opening of Parliament, in the constituency I handed out the food awards at the Alresford Watercress Festival and chatted with stall holders at the Chandler's Ford Farmers' Market (pictured).
- JUNE 2010** – I spoke against Cala Homes application for 2,000 houses on Barton Farm at a packed public meeting of WCC's Planning Committee; local councillors overwhelmingly rejected the application. I opened the Hursley fete and gave out the prizes at the Penguins Swimming Gala. Oh, and I also made my Maiden Speech in the House of Commons (pictured).
- JULY 2010** – I visited Toynbee School in Chandler's Ford, Southampton Airport in Eastleigh and took a delegation of MPs to meet the Immigration Minister on behalf of schools such as Winchester School of English. I opened the Fulfood and Micheldever fetes and I welcomed Stanley Johnson (Dad to Boris!) to Winchester for a garden party in Sutton Scotney.
- SEPTEMBER 2010** – I addressed the Winchester Business Exhibition, visited Hyde 900's Picnic in the Park, Oliver's Battery Fete, Alresford Show and handed out the awards at the Bighton Fete. I visited the Hiltingbury Extravaganza, addressed the Rotary Club of Chandler's Ford and opened the new Basepoint Winchester business centre in Winnall. I also joined my local student society for the University of Winchester Fresher's Fair.
- OCTOBER 2010** – Emily and I judged a scarecrow competition in South Wonston, I visited Trinity Winchester to hear of their fundraising plans for the year and was the keynote speaker at the W.A.C.A AGM. I welcomed T.A.C.T to the House of Commons to discuss housing in Winchester and met Dr Liam Fox at the MoD to see how the Defence Review affected Worthy Down. I also attended the Conservative Conference in Birmingham.
- NOVEMBER 2010** – William Alexander Brine was born at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital; a brother for Emily and the completion (for now!) of our family. Susie and I were overwhelmed by the good wishes from hundreds of constituents.
- DECEMBER 2010** – The snow came and I started the Naomi House Santa Run! In Parliament I hosted a reception for the leading Cervical Cancer charity and spoke in the landmark Higher Education debate. Mayor Richard Izard opened my new constituency 'shop' in Stockbridge Road and I addressed the full staff meeting at the RHCH. I also gave a reading at the main Cathedral Carol Service.
- JANUARY 2011** – I met with local GPs in Winchester and Chandler's Ford to discuss Government health reforms, I met with the Chief Inspector of Winchester Police and visited IBM at Hursley.
- FEBRUARY 2011** – I opened the new NHS Iosis dental clinic, welcomed Simon Hughes MP to Peter Symonds and visited the Winchester School of Art. With Cllr Eileen Berry I held a busy street surgery in Stoney Lane, Winchester.
- MARCH 2011** – I met with RHCH chiefs, visited the new YMCA Youth Cafe in Winchester and Intech at Morn Hill. With other local MPs I met Hampshire County Council to plan superfast broadband for the county and I met Greg Rusedski as he opened the new Indoor Tennis Courts in Winchester.
- APRIL 2011** – I launched Sparsholt Colleges' Apprentices for Business scheme, worked with local Children's Centres as funding was squeezed and fought for Children's heart services at Southampton General Hospital. I addressed the Winchester Parkinson's Support Group and I thoroughly enjoyed the Royal Wedding!



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Right across Winchester & Chandler's Ford this past year

OVER-DEVELOPMENT: I joined the Save Barton Farm group at the High Court in October 2010 and spoke against Cala Homes' appeal in February this year at the Guildhall. I have been consistently opposed to 2,000 houses on this greenfield site ▶



RAISING MONEY: The BBC's Sally Taylor helped me raise over £1,000 for Breast Cancer Care in September 2010 as I organised a Strawberry Tea party in The Square, Winchester ▲



REPRESENTING COMMUTERS: A regular commuter myself, I meet South West Trains often to discuss local train services and issues in/around the station in Winchester. I am also in contact with Sustrans regarding Chandler's Ford station ▲



Winchester Parliamentary Constituency

WORKING WITH COUNCILLORS: I work closely with all councillors in the constituency – of all parties – including the new Chandler's Ford Parish Council who I met up with at the Hiltingbury Extravaganza in September 2010 ▼



STREET SURGERY: In addition to formal surgeries, I often hold 'street surgeries' right across Winchester & Chandler's Ford. Pictured here with Cllr Ernie Jeffs in Alresford ◀

BUSINESS BREAKFAST: I addressed key local business figures in April of this year at a Parliamentary Breakfast organised by the Hampshire Chamber and Winchester BID ▲

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES: I am a big supporter of Winchester's BIG society and do everything I can to support local charities. Pictured here in March this year with Christian Aid at Leaf & Bean Cafe in Fulfood, Winchester for 'Super Soup Lunch' ▶



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Annual Report

2010/2011

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

Dear Resident,

It is just over a year now since I was elected as your Member of Parliament and this is my first annual report. I want to thank everyone who has worked so positively with me – including many Conservative and Lib Dem councillors – and allowed me to really hit the ground running.

It's been an interesting time to enter the House of Commons as the first coalition Government since the war took office with David Cameron as Prime Minister. Many people locally have told me they feel comfortable with this coalition, and while I don't agree with everything it is doing, the Government continues to have my support. It is refreshing to see two parties working together to address Labour's appalling economic inheritance and modernise our public services, among so many other things.

The past year has been a steep learning curve for me personally, and the team I have built up. We receive hundreds of letters and emails every day and my caseload is bulging. I am receiving dozens of requests for meetings and events every week and I am grateful to be able to draw on my previous experience of running a small business (not to mention having two under-5's at home) in juggling so many balls!

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

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Member of Parliament
for Winchester &
Chandler's Ford

I am always pleased to hear about any forthcoming events and local issues within the Winchester area. Please see inside for contact information.





Working Hard for Winchester and Chandler's Ford

What they say about their local MP...



"Thank you very much for your support on our planning application. It is the first time we have ever requested help from a local MP and I must say we were very impressed by the speed and professionalism with which you responded."
Mat Plumbley & family, Teg Down, Winchester

STEVE BRINE MP WESTMINSTER REPORT



Speaking in Westminster Hall ▲

2010 was quite a year to enter the House of Commons – a new job, 649 new colleagues and a new coalition Government all at the same time!

There is no formal handover period when you become a Member of Parliament, it is straight to Westminster and on with the job on behalf of the people who sent you there.

Parliament can be a very frustrating place for a new MP – especially one who came from a small business background – and you quickly learn that while you have little power, you have lots of influence. The most effective MPs learn quickly how to use that influence and I have tried to do just that.

SPEAKING OUT IN WESTMINSTER

In my first 12-months I have taken part in a wide range of debates, including;

- Numerous Health matters
- Higher Education
- Big Society
- Protection of Park Home Owners
- Future of BBC Local Radio
- Energy Bill – 2nd Reading

I have also tabled dozens of parliamentary questions, asked questions on the floor of the House to the Health, DW, Defence and Justice Secretaries and asked David Cameron two questions at the high-profile weekly PMQs. I have also served on two Bill Committees, scrutinising the Health & Social Care Bill and Energy Bill.

SPEAKING UP FOR CONSTITUENTS

I am regularly in contact with Ministers on behalf of constituents who come to me with current issues.

Some of the topics which I have taken up in year one include;

- Protecting Forestry Commission land from sale
- The Lighter Later campaign to trial double Summer-time
- Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall's Channel 4 campaign on reform of Fisheries Policy
- High-speed broadband coverage



College Green TV interview ▲

One of the most rewarding aspects of being an MP is the chance to serve on All-Party Groups; I co-chair the All-Party Group for Breast Cancer, and am vice-chair of the All-Party Groups for Parkinson's and Autism as well as the All-Party Cycling Group.

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



University of Winchester students visit in November 2010 ▲

HEALTH FOCUS REMAINS

For almost four years when I was running to be your local MP, and at the election last year, I said the local NHS would be my priority and I have stayed true to my word.

I work extremely closely with staff and managers across the local NHS to support a District General Hospital in Winchester – with maternity and A&E and all that sits behind them to maintain a DGH worthy of the name – plus a General Hospital in Southampton offering regional specialisms.

I have engaged positively with our local trust at the RHCH and neighbouring Basingstoke & North Hampshire Foundation Trust as plans are brought forward to merge the two organisations.



Visiting new arrivals at the RHCH ▲

I will continue to stay very close to this process which I hope will create a new 'super' Foundation Trust that gives us a first-rate hospital in Winchester for the long-term and will keep local services for my constituents centre-stage as I do.



SEE PARLIAMENT FOR YOURSELF

If you would like a tour of Parliament and/or trip up Big Ben (be warned there is no lift!) I can arrange that for you. Larger school, college and University trips can also be arranged by my office. Please contact **Juliet Henderson** via steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk or 01962 791110.



In my office at the House of Commons

SURGERY Always Open...

If you think I can help you, please get in touch. I hold regular surgeries in Winchester and Chandler's Ford on a Friday; please call Gabrielle Mancini on 0207 219 7189 for an appointment or email steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk

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"So many thanks for all your efforts. You have been a tremendous source of hope. I really appreciate your help and don't know what I would do without you!"
Amanda Robertson, Chandler's Ford

"Thank you so much for all your assistance. As I write the contractors are installing staggered gates across the footpath... once again, thank you very much."
Rosemary Pickett, Colden Common



"We are absolutely delighted and can't thank you enough. We can't believe the speed that you managed to deal with this and we are so very grateful for your kindness and understanding. The care you showed us as citizens of your constituency is remarkable."
Haidar family, Otterbourne