

Steve Brine MP

My Year at a Glance

- June 2013** – Met Health Ministers to discuss life-changing spinal surgery that several constituents went to the US to receive. Visited Otterbourne School and welcomed Hittingbury Junior and Merton Schools to Westminster. Opened brand new scanner department at the RHCH. Susie and I celebrated 10 years married!
- July 2013** – Convened a top-level meeting to breathe some life into the campaign to make the A33 junction at Kings Worthy safer and chaired a key meeting about the Pitt Manor development. Opened the new Winchester Business Centre and took my Summer Tour to Sainsbury's Badger Farm (pictured, right).
- August 2013** – Faced the competitive bowlers of the Compton & Chandler's Ford cricket club (pictured, below right), chaired a meeting about aircraft noise into Southampton and took my son William to the exhilarating Winchester Cycle Criterium. Summer Tour concludes in Otterbourne and Alresford. Parliament recalled over Syria crisis.
- September 2013** – Spoke in a major Commons cycling debate, gave 'Big Society' speech to City of Winchester Trust and Early Year's speech to local Home-Start. Opened new Ageas HQ in Chandler's Ford, visited Cancer Research team at Southampton General, and opened the Worthys Festival Fete. Attended Leisure Centre public meeting.
- October 2013** – Met CALA homes to get the latest on Barton Farm, held street surgeries in Twyford and Colden Common, took DEFRA Secretary of State to Sparsholt College and spoke in 'Future of the BBC' debate in Parliament. Also visited The Watercress Company near Alresford, Sun Hill Junior School and marked 10 years of Chandler's Ford Railway Station.
- November 2013** – Brought the Transport Secretary to what he quickly called our "nasty" junction in Kings Worthy, read stories as part of the Wessex Book Festival and visited the Tubbies toddler group in Kings Worthy. Chaired a big public meeting with South West Trains and welcomed Peter Symonds as well as Itchen Abbas Primary School to Westminster.
- December 2013** – Rail Minister Stephen Hammond (pictured, right) came to help follow up on issues raised at SWT public meeting, met with hospital trust and GPs on possible future NHS changes, chaired an urgent meeting in Hittingbury following a run of antisocial behaviour, and opened the new Rotherley Nursery.
- January 2014** – Visited Alresford Salads to discuss lorry movements in the town, held a street surgery in Stoney Lane, met with the Health Secretary to discuss local hospital changes and joined world's media to hear of the search for King Alfred. Attended the 'Stand up for Stanmore' event, delivered my Health Check survey to 41,000 houses and (quietly) turned 40!
- February 2014** – Floods dominated as I cleared my diary and mucked in; including repeated visits to Hursley, Sutton Scotney, Littleton, Twyford and The Worthies (pictured, right) among other places. Chaired a second big Pitt Manor meeting, was guest editor at student TV station 'Winol' and officially opened the new Barron Close development in Micheldever.
- March 2014** – Chaired key post-flood summits across the area, visited Colden Common FC, Toynebe School, Sparsholt School and held a crunch meeting in Otterbourne about the Elderfield facility. Addressed a major conference in Winchester on reducing re-offending.
- April 2014** – Met with the Stanmore Community Association and opened the new memorial garden at Stanmore Primary School (pictured, right). Held a street surgery in Sutton Scotney, visited Kings Worthy Youth FC and met with WinACC. Addressed the South Wonston Seniors Club.
- May 2014** – Joined the 'Save the Rec' Grand Day Out at River Park, visited Weeke Primary School as well as Lakeside School in Chandler's Ford and joined in the fun at the Oli B pre-school bake-off. Unveiled Alresford's new clock to mark 800 years as a market town.



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what you say about your local MP

"On behalf of myself and the entire family, I thank you personally for your tremendous efforts."
Derek Hammond, Stanmore



"We have been following your recent updates on your website and I want to start by first thanking you for having such an active interest in our community in Kings Worthy and for your engagement with us. It is encouraging to know that you are striving to help us."
Dianne and John Richardson, Kings Worthy



"Our pavements have been cleaned spotlessly for the first time in years and all the residents have been talking about it. Thank you once again for all your effort into listening and helping us with our concerns."
Nicolette Thornton, Highcliffe



"Thank you, it is great to know that you have contacted Mr Cameron with my concerns. Thank you for all your hard work for the people of Winchester and elsewhere."
Catherine MacManus, Winchester

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Annual Report

2013/2014

Another positive publication for Winchester, Alresford, Kings Worthy, Chandler's Ford and surrounding villages from local MP Steve Brine

Dear fellow resident,
As we enter the final year of this Parliament, here is my fourth Annual Report as your local MP.

The past 12-months have been very much the 'business end' of this Parliament, with the economy continuing to recover, some crunch votes in the House of Commons and my joining the Work & Pensions Department as a junior member of the team.

My main focus however, continues to be here as the constituency MP I promised to be.

The issue of school places remains central to my campaigning work, as does an informed, level-headed (fact-based) approach to any change at our local hospital.

February's flooding will of course remain a vivid memory for some and I am determined we will make changes ahead of this winter; more on all these subjects inside.

My casework on behalf of constituents continues to be the mainstay of my work and is of course the aspect of my year you won't ever read about in reports such as this or the local press. If you need my help or want to contact me on any subject, local or national, please get in touch.

Finally, you will appreciate that any round-up can only ever give a glimpse of my work, so if you want more, I would encourage you to visit my website at www.stevebrine.com where you can now read, watch and listen to coverage of my activity locally and in Westminster. Full contact details overleaf including phone numbers for those not online.

Best wishes,

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 For Winchester & Chandler's Ford



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Working Hard for Winchester

and Chandler's Ford

WESTMINSTER REPORT



In the incredible STAR court with Judge Bradley in Houston

JUSTICE SELECT COMMITTEE

I remain a member of the powerful Justice Select Committee made up of MPs from across the House of Commons.

Since my last Annual Report, Committee work has included inquiries or published reports on Crown Dependencies, older prisoners, women offenders and Legal Aid. We have also looked at the work of the Youth Justice Board, the new Lord Chief Justice and the work of the Court of Protection.

July saw us travel to Texas in the US as part of our major crime reduction inquiry. We visited Houston and Austin and interviewed witnesses as well as senior Republican and Democrat politicians.

More information at www.stevebrine.com/jsc

VISITING WESTMINSTER

I regularly welcome constituents to Westminster so get in touch if you'd like a tour (large school, college or university groups too) or want to enter my free ballot for PMQ tickets.

More at www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster



Weeke Primary School visited in January 2014



Chairing a meeting for Hampshire MPs in Parliament with our Chief Constable in March 2014

HOUSE-WORK

Some of my work in Westminster this year:

- Voted for Budget 2014 raising personal tax threshold to £10,000
- Spoke in a key debate about our response to February's floods
- Member of a Joint Committee examining the issue of prisoner voting
- Questioned the Home Secretary about the danger of legal highs
- Voted to support a ban on smoking in cars carrying children
- Raised concerns about the implications for UK defence of a Yes vote in Scottish referendum this September
- Raised future of local maternity care in the Commons
- Spoke in a debate about the early years of child development
- Pressed Ministers about MOD objections to Bullington Cross onshore wind farm
- Voted (again) for a referendum on Britain's EU membership

While the volume of new legislation is (quite rightly) slowing down at this end of the current Parliament there is still plenty to do.

I continue to work hard with my various All-Party groups – including breast cancer, cycling, drug policy reform, park homes and autism – and on my Select Committee (see left).

I also use my position inside Parliament to press the case for Winchester & Chandler's Ford with Ministers at every possible opportunity and have, since my last report, joined Iain Duncan Smith's Department for Work and Pensions as a Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS).

More information at www.stevebrine.com/westminster

DID YOU KNOW?

I often appear on national media programmes, such as The Daily Politics on BBC2 or Radio 4's Westminster Hour. Follow me on Twitter and I'll let you know when I'm on – @sbrine.



CANCER CAMPAIGN UPDATE

I continue to be one of the loudest voices in Parliament in the fight against cancer, working with Macmillan and other cancer charities on the General Election ambitions of the two main parties. I have also published a landmark breast cancer report since my last annual report;

See www.stevebrine.com/breastcancer



PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS Steve Brine Conservative, Winchester 13125 PARLIAMENT, 20 NOV HOUSE OF COMMONS



My ASKtheNHS meeting was attended by over 100 local people

LOCAL NEWS SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, FLOODS AND ROADS

With young children myself, I know all too well the need for sufficient, quality, primary school places locally and a huge focus of my first term as your MP has been addressing this issue. Looking across my constituency it is a much improved picture with £10m of hard fought funding from Hampshire County Council bringing places to the new lower school at Westgate, to Weeke, All Saints, Harestock, Western and St Peters.

In the Spring each year I handle a lot of casework on behalf of worried parents, and grandparents. This year I thank a handful of individual schools, including Itchen Abbas and Colden Common who both showed real flexibility in accommodating increased demand for this September. Thanks also to Hampshire County Council who have solved every problem I took to them. More www.stevebrine.com/schoolplaces



February was very much managing the crisis for many of the flood-hit communities I represent and I heaved my share of sandbags during what was a very difficult time. I am, however, determined we will learn the lessons and make a strong case for local infrastructure funding to alleviate future problems – while being realistic that groundwater flooding is notoriously difficult to avoid. In April I brought the Prime Minister's flood 'envoy', Greg Barker MP (pictured above) to Winchester and am following this up alongside new City Council leader Cllr Rob Humby and others at HCC. More www.stevebrine.com/flooding



With my kids, Emily and William, trying our hand at 'pond dipping' at Hillier's in half-term

Major change is likely at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital as the new Foundation Trust and local GPs look to re-design services. I've spent years saying the clinicians, not the politicians, should be the ones to shape services in the NHS and they've come forward with some pretty sizeable proposals for change so we must give them a hearing and put them under the closest possible scrutiny.

I will go on doing my best to inform constituents of developments in the health service locally with initiatives such as my largest ever health survey in February of this year and the big ASKtheNHS public meeting in Winchester at the end of March.

You can read, watch and listen to reports of that event and stay updated via www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs

This past year has seen me do a great deal of work, alongside local councillors of all colours, to see if we can make the notorious A33 'Cart & Horses' junction in Kings Worthy safer. In November 2013 I brought Transport Secretary, Patrick McLoughlin MP, to see it for himself and we are at last getting somewhere as the council brings forward plans for change. If I am honest I think my constituents want more significant amendments here but we have to be reasonable and sensible and work within what is technically possible and of course affordable.

More www.stevebrine.com/a33

