

Steve Brine MP

My Year at a Glance

- June 2015** – Handed out the Business of the Year prize at the prestigious Winchester Business Awards, supported local charity *Friends of the Family* at their Summer fundraiser, visited Oliver's Battery Primary School to hear of their turnaround plans and attended the now established Alresford Music Festival.
- July 2015** – Opened the new Warren Hall in Micheldever Station (pictured), pulled a pint at the Micheldever Fete and chaired a 'Dragons Den' event with young people in Winchester. Received briefing on the new ARK cancer centre and joined the Military Wives Choir at Sir John Moore Barracks.
- August 2015** – Met with Barclays Bank to convey the importance of rural branches and understand the changing face of local banking and was guest speaker at the Chandler's Ford and Itchen Valley Rotary Club.
- September 2015** – Joined Mayor of Winchester for opening of revamped log cabin scout home in Fullood, visited MIND to discuss mental health policy, met new students at University of Winchester Fresher's Fair (pictured) and spoke to children at St Bede School about how to run a school election. Also chaired key meeting at Alresford Salads about lorries in the town.
- October 2015** – Went on-site in Stanmore (pictured) to see new council homes being built, held another street surgery in Alresford, attended Conservative Conference in Manchester and was grilled by students at Otterbourne Primary School for Otter Radio! Cllr Judith Grajewski comfortably won the Chandler's Ford county by-election.
- November 2015** – Laid my wreath on behalf of constituents outside Winchester Cathedral, visited South Downs National Park at their HQ in Midhurst to discuss rural broadband and Junction 9 of the M3 plus attended the licensing of Rev David Rowe at a packed Christ Church.
- December 2015** – Gabrielle from Sparsholt Primary School won my 5th Christmas card competition and I met Syrian families arriving in Winchester as part of the Government's resettlement programme. Welcomed the closure of Winchester's legal high shop and attended latest meeting of the Barton Farm Academy Trust.
- January 2016** – Visited Southern Power Depot in the New Forest to see their readiness for Winter and scrutinise their plans to improve supply in Jewry Street. Kicked off a successful Open Day at South Central Ambulance Service in Otterbourne and welcomed Education Secretary, Nicky Morgan, to The Westgate School.
- February 2016** – Met two constituents to learn about autism charity, the Playhouse Foundation, spoke at the annual Chamber Business Breakfast, chaired a key meeting with residents about parking in Shawford and welcomed the Health Secretary to Naomi House.
- March 2016** – Held a Q&A with students at Toynbee School in Chandler's Ford, opened new dog care business (*Happy Hounds*) in Chilcomb and met with St Paul's Pre-School to discuss our extended free childcare manifesto commitment. Welcomed Winchester as best place to live in the UK and Oliver's Battery Primary School finally achieving Ofsted "Good".
- April 2016** – Spoke to the Winchester Breast Cancer Support Group, met new Head at Perins in Alresford and canvassed for the forthcoming local elections. Met the Chief Executive of Eastleigh Council to talk Chandler's Ford and got busy (as pictured) at the Hyde900 community dig.
- May 2016** – Attended the Fryern Funtasia with son William, was guest speaker at the Friends of St Cross Hospital (in my shorts as pictured), visited All Saints and Winnall Schools plus celebrated more Conservative election success. Chaired EU Referendum debate as part of Winchester Speakers' Festival.



VISITING WESTMINSTER

The Palace of Westminster has a brand new state-of-the-art education centre which has transformed the experience for visitors, especially schools. I regularly welcome groups from the constituency and would be pleased to do the same for you so get in touch.



Receiving a lobby from WinACC in June 2015 ahead of the Paris Climate Summit



Hosting children from Stanmore School in March 2016



On my feet in the Chamber at PMQs

PRIME MINISTERS' QUESTIONS

A number of times each year I hold a ballot when constituents can pick up tickets to watch the weekly joust between the PM and the Leader of the Opposition. The next ballot is for Wednesday 13th July. Enter at www.stevebrine.com/PMQs and it could be you!

Find out more about all of the above, including how to access the vast parliamentary archives, climb Big Ben or check out my visitors' gallery, at www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster



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Annual Report

2015/2016

For Winchester, Alresford, Kings Worthy, Chandler's Ford and surrounding villages from local MP Steve Brine

Dear Resident,

One year ago, at the General Election, I was fortunate to be returned as your local MP. This, therefore, is my first annual report of the new Parliament.

The last 12 months have been anything but quiet; a new job in Government and new campaigns emerging but the same focus on being the hard-working constituency MP I promised to be.

I have heard it said that all political parties are the same these days but, post May 2015 and a much changed House of Commons, I can honestly say that I haven't heard that one for a while!

The three big themes of this Parliament are set to my mind; rebuilding our economy, Europe and the reform of public services in line with our manifesto commitments. Security is never far away from any MPs consciousness and I expect domestic and international concerns to dominate as we learn to live with the new 'normal'.

This annual report covers a resume of the past year in the constituency, highlights some of the issues I am pursuing and a full parliamentary report. There is also a whole section dedicated to how you can interact with me and get involved.

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, at the time of writing we are just weeks away from the EU Referendum that I campaigned for in the last Parliament. My personal position can be found at www.stevebrine.com/2016EUReferendum where you'll find links to both official campaigns and more information/analysis of the result. I hope you enjoy this report.

With best wishes,

Steve

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For Winchester & Chandler's Ford





Meeting with Nicky Morgan, Secretary of State for Education, in April 2016

ACADEMY SCHOOLS

The Government published its White Paper Educational Excellence Everywhere in Spring 2016 including proposals to force every school to become an academy by 2022. That caused great concern in Hampshire where 85% of schools are already "good" or "outstanding".

I sought feedback from Headteachers in my constituency and made a strong case to the Education Secretary for a compromise that allowed high performing areas to carry on while rooting out failing and coasting schools. The Government listened – and agreed.

More information: www.stevebrine.com/academies

TREASURE IN THE HEART OF MAN

After much work (via my Justice Select Committee role) in the last Parliament I have maintained my interest in criminal justice policy and spoke in a key Prisons and Probation debate in the House of Commons in January – calling for a significant reduction in the prison population.



I am working closely with Justice Secretary Michael Gove - who is leading one of the most enlightened policy platforms on the subject in our nation's history – and raised the subject at PMQs earlier this year. My belief, shared by the Prime Minister, is that we have to get away from the 'lock em up' or 'let em out' mentality that has failed us for too long.

More information: www.stevebrine.com/treasureintheheartofman

Working Hard for Winchester

WESTMINSTER REPORT



HOUSE-WORK

Some of my work this past year in Westminster:

- Spoke in pivotal 2nd Reading debate of Investigatory Powers Bill
- Member of a special committee examining legislation to bring a blanket ban on Psychoactive Substances
- Raised with the Prime Minister the resettlement of Syrian refugees in Winchester
- Took part in an inquiry held by the All Party Group for Body Image
- Spoke out against the ban on term-time holidays for primary age children
- Voted for English Votes for English Laws answering the West Lothian Question
- Chaired mental health debate for young people with Winchester charity FIXERS
- Met Transport Secretary via my role on the All-Party Cycling Group
- Spoke and voted in landmark Assisted Dying debate
- Voted (finally) for the Bill to enact a referendum on Britain's EU membership

More on all of this: www.stevebrine.com/westminster

I said at last year's General Election I would represent Winchester & Chandler's Ford as a strong and experienced constituency MP. I have started as I mean to go on.

Working with colleagues through the Hampshire Group of MPs, I am focusing on issues such as train services (pictured here with the Rail Minister), devolution and county policing.

More information on my trains campaign: www.stevebrine.com/trains

You can often catch me on local and national TV speaking live from College Green in Westminster.
Advance notice, and watch again links, can often be found via [facebook.com/SteveBrineMP](https://www.facebook.com/SteveBrineMP)



and Chandler's Ford

SAY YES GEORGE – AND HE DID!

Well-known actors Sarah Parish and Jim Murray – who live locally - approached me just before Christmas to ask if I would lead a campaign in Westminster for a new children's emergency department in Southampton.

£4.8m is needed for what we hope will be part one of the South's first children's hospital and I agreed to put a match-funding bid to the Chancellor ahead of the Budget.

The Daily Echo and Hampshire Chronicle backed our campaign, Say Yes George, and I was thrilled when he did just that – announcing £2m in his Budget speech in March.

More information: www.stevebrine.com/sayyesgeorge



With other local MPs, staff, families and Sarah Parish, Jim Murray at the campaign launch in February and (inset) with the man who said yes, Chancellor George Osborne and his red book. Main picture courtesy of The Southern Daily Echo



I hold regular street surgeries with local councillors and PCSOs in the constituency, including here in Alresford with Cllr Lisa Griffiths and Cllr Ernie Jeffs



Lakesmere is a world-beating construction firm based in Winnall and received a Queen's Award for Enterprise in October 2015. Pictured with CEO Mark Davey and Production Manager Pete Broom



I do everything I can to support local schools and help children in the constituency consider future careers. Here being interviewed by Otter Radio at Otterbourne School



The challenge of rural mobile signals and superfast broadband

Everyone knows someone Steve has helped

I continue to hold my 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 casework team on 0207 219 7189 or email steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk stating your full address.

