



# Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

Another 100% positive publication produced at no cost to the taxpayer by Winchester & Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine and the team. It is delivered by volunteers across Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and Millers Dale.



**GENERAL ELECTION 2017**

Steve Brine was elected for a third time at the General Election in June, once again receiving over 50% of the vote across Winchester & Chandler's Ford.

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## SCHOOL FUNDING PROMISE KEPT

**Steve Brine welcomes new cash that honours manifesto commitment.**

At this year's General Election, Steve Brine said; "With small children of my own, I am passionate about local schools. We have protected the core schools budget but I know rising costs are extremely challenging. I want to see a fairer funding formula introduced and will be using all my experience to fight for one if I am re-elected."

Steve was re-elected and, in July, the Government promised to increase the schools budget, announcing an additional £1.3 billion on top of existing plans.

Then, in September, the Government set out final decisions on the national funding formula which will come into effect from April 2018.

Steve Brine says; "We have increased the basic funding that every pupil in every school will receive, we've introduced a minimum funding level that values small rural schools and we've retained the Hampshire Schools Forum. This time, every school in my constituency receives an increase."

Steve said this was "great news" but promised he would continue his campaign to see Hampshire gets its fair share and said he would carry on work with Chandler's Ford County Councillor, Judith Grajewski, to ensure the reliable provision of primary places for local families."

More: [www.stevebrine.com/schoolplaces](http://www.stevebrine.com/schoolplaces)



Steve Brine and Cllr Judith Grajewski met up with Girlguiding Chandler's Ford this year, as a new £270,000 Girlguiding centre was declared open. The centre, which provides for Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, now needs to raise a further £18,000 to complete landscaping at the front and the back of the centre. If you can help visit [www.girlguidingchandlersford.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingchandlersford.org.uk)

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**PRIORITY NHS**



Steve regularly visits the RHCH to meet with staff and managers and always makes a clinical visit while on site. He also speaks regularly with commissioners and NHS England.

## RHCH ACUTE SERVICES

**As key moment looms, time for cool-heads says local MP.**

Steve Brine is staying close to ongoing discussions about the future shape of acute hospital services in Winchester.

The Trust (HHFT) and local commissioners are engaged in a complex piece of work to secure safe and sustainable services at the Romsey Road site after the publication last year of the 'STP', a comprehensive future plan for the NHS across Hampshire.

Steve says; "We must maintain a sensible and balanced discussion about the future of acute care that, above all else, ensures the local NHS is there when we're acutely unwell. That includes stroke services, cardiac and of course consultant-led obstetrics."

HHFT have proposed (and received planning permission for) a new critical treatment centre near junction 7 of

the M3 but no final decision has been reached. Steve Brine adds; "My hunch is the new build looks unlikely to get the nod in the short-term. If that's the case, we must focus on securing the RHCH and not allow any piecemeal reconfiguration of services. No deal will be frustrating but it's better than a bad deal from which there's no way back."

"As an experienced constituency MP, I know we must keep cool heads at this time and rise above screaming headlines as much as short-term party politics which really don't help."

Read Steve's recent column for the Hampshire Chronicle and see a decade of work in this area:

More: [www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs](http://www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs)



## STEVE BRINE'S PRIORITY NHS

# NEW MONEY FOR RHCH

The Royal Hampshire County Hospital has received £54,000 to provide a new service in Winchester.

This latest wave of Government winter funding will be used to provide a **primary care streaming service** to reduce waiting times and ease pressure on the emergency department.

Alex Whitfield, Chief Executive of the trust, said: "This service will improve the experience for people attending the emergency department."

Steve Brine says: "The new money is great news and a real vote of confidence in the RHCH. It will ensure people receive prompt and appropriate care if they visit the emergency department."

The Winchester MP has also opened a new **GP health care hub** which will ensure we can see a GP, nurse or healthcare assistant in the evenings and at weekends.



Steve Brine with Alex Whitfield in the Emergency Department and, inset, welcoming the new extended hours GP service.



He adds: "We want to see 100% of the country being able to access GP appointments in evenings and at weekends by April 2019 so this new extended access hub is spot on. It is really excellent to see the health economy in Winchester working together to provide a modern NHS service we can rely on."

## MP SPEAKS AT WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT



One of Steve Brine's responsibilities as a Health Minister is international health and that means he works closely with the UK Aid programme.

One of his first engagements was to deliver a keynote speech at a Family Planning Summit in London, hosted by

the UK and attended by representatives from around the world.

Steve says: "The event was part of efforts to reach our Family Planning 2020 goals and ensure that more women and girls around the world are able to plan their families and their futures."

"Family planning is a best-buy in global development and very much in all our interests. When women and girls have access to family planning, they are able to complete their education, create or seize better economic opportunities, and realise their full potential. Entire families, communities and nations benefit."

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## A303 STONEHENGE UPDATE

The route for the £1.6 billion A303 upgrade near Stonehenge, a key part of the 'South West expressway', has finally been published by Transport Secretary Chris Grayling.

Linking the M3 in the south-east and the M5 in the south-west, the government will upgrade this key route to improve journey times, support economic growth and tourism - especially for the thousands of Chandler's Ford holidaymakers who use the route each year.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/A303](http://www.stevebrine.com/A303)

## WORLD LEADING BIKE BUSINESS

Steve Brine dropped into a ground-breaking city centre business recently where he was given a demonstration of their exciting new product.

Mark Searles, from Chandler's Ford, showed Steve his Cytronex C1, which can transform almost any bicycle into a disguised, ultra-lightweight electric bicycle providing power assistance at the touch of a button.

Steve said: "Cytronex is one of the most impressive and promising local businesses I have met. I look forward to working with them and want to connect with the Business Secretary to see how we can help this business grow further and take on the world."

More: [www.cytronex.com](http://www.cytronex.com)



## NEW CHALLENGE AS CANCER MINISTER

Steve Brine has set out his priorities as the new Cancer Minister; the job he says he always wanted in Government.

The Chandler's Ford MP has wasted no time in his first few months, launching the latest phase of the *Be Clear on Cancer* campaign and publishing the long-awaited *Tobacco Control Plan*. It aims to see the first smoke-free generation in this country by shifting the emphasis from national legislation now in place

to focused local action, supporting smokers to quit. As ever, Steve ensures his work on the national stage supports his efforts as a constituency MP, meeting up with organisations and individuals fighting cancer. That included meeting this Summer - at the Littleton Show - with Jamie Brookes (pictured) who is raising money for Pancreatic Cancer UK in memory of his dad Alan who chaired the event for many years.

See more on Steve's work [www.stevebrine.com/westminster](http://www.stevebrine.com/westminster) and support Jamie's efforts if you can [www.stevebrine.com/PCUK](http://www.stevebrine.com/PCUK)



## MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine has backed new measures to transform the way we approach and deal with mental health so more children and young people receive help.

There will be new support for every secondary school, and each school will be offered mental health first

aid training to increase awareness around mental health. A much-needed review of children and adolescent mental health services will identify what is working and what needs to be improved.

Steve Brine told *The Chandler's Ford Post*: "This is a mammoth task but we

hope these new proposals will ensure children and young people receive the compassion, care and the treatment they need. The focus on schools has to be right and certainly chimes with what I hear as a constituency MP because we can do so much better when it comes to early intervention."

## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WINCHESTER

Volunteers from across Winchester & Chandler's Ford came together in May for the launch of national Dementia Awareness Week.

*Dementia Friendly Winchester* were holding a street stall in St Maurice's Covert just off the High Street to raise awareness of the condition and the support available locally. They were also showcasing Winchester businesses who have signed up to be 'Dementia Friendly' and, as well as Steve Brine, were joined by the then Mayor of Winchester - Cllr Jane Rutter. Steve said: "We all want to ensure that people with dementia can lead a full life and are met with

understanding and support when they are out and about in the city. It's just great that so many businesses and organisations have committed to becoming dementia-friendly and their staff are 'Dementia Friends'."

More: [www.stevebrine.com/dementiafriends](http://www.stevebrine.com/dementiafriends)



# STAYING SAFE ONLINE

MP teams up with Google for Internet Legends campaign.



The Four Pillars of the Legends Code:

- 1 Think before you share
- 2 Protect your stuff
- 3 Check it's for real
- 4 Respect each other

Steve Brine teamed up with Google and Parent Zone as the *Internet Legends* tour came to town.

Delivered by Google and Parent Zone, *Internet Legends* is an online safety initiative that aims to teach primary school children practical tips for staying safe online.

Children are taught four key points, dubbed the Legends Code, in order to make their time online safe and fun.

Steve took an active part in the assembly, explaining as a dad how important internet safety is; "This was a brilliant event and the kids clearly loved it", he said. "I think we all learnt a lot about being safe and smart online. Google and Parent Zone deserve great credit for the Legends programme and we're grateful they came here."

The tour is now in its second year and has visited over 50 schools across the UK since its inception in 2016.

Meanwhile, Theresa May's speech to the United Nations this September called on technology companies to go "further and faster" in removing extremist content.

This was followed by an announcement of £600,000 in new ground-breaking technology that allows internet companies to remove indecent images of children from websites at an unprecedented rate through Project Arachnid.

## MP RE-OPENS DOVETAIL CAFE

The Dovetail Cafe was packed with customers of all ages for the grand re-opening by local MP Steve Brine following its extensive refurbishment.

Rev Peter Cornick welcomed the guests and said the attendance of these VIP's was an indication of how important the Dovetail Centre has always been and will continue to be in the community as a whole.

The Mayor of Eastleigh, Cllr Maureen Sollitt remarked on the friendly atmosphere of the Cafe while Rev Peter Cornick thanked those who had worked to achieve the transformation of the room and invited Steve Brine to cut the ribbon and declare the Cafe open.



## THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW ON LOCAL PLAN SHAMBLES

Cllr Judith Grajewski, Leader of Conservative Group and Cllr Margaret Atkinson, Chair Chandler's Ford Parish Council write ...

Eastleigh Borough Council's emerging Local Plan (2016-2036) has been delayed again, leaving the Borough open to more hostile, piecemeal planning applications from developers.

EBC is progressing its proposal for Options B & C; just over five thousand new houses north east of Bishopstoke & Fair Oak and a new bypass joining the

M3 at J12. This is opposed by many residents and national organisations who cite the threat posed to the River Itchen, an internationally designated Site of Special Scientific Interest and nearby ancient woodland.

The Borough Council says it needs a further 14,580 new homes but hasn't carried out its own up-to-date assessment of housing need. Development in the borough should be led by the needs of the local economy. There is a lack of employment land and jobs for our well-qualified workforce, many of whom have to travel out of the area to work. We worry that Eastleigh is destined to become a dormitory town. The Council needs to get on with its Local Plan, focus on jobs and affordable housing, and listen to local people before central government steps in to take over.



## MARATHI PARIWAR AT DOVETAIL

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine met up with the South of England Marathi Pariwar when they organised a Bombay street food festival as they have for the past three years.



It is an active and growing group of local residents from Chandler's Ford and nearby with roots in Western India, near Mumbai. In the past four years, the entirely voluntary organisation has grown from a handful of founder families to a few hundred people in and around Hampshire who share a common cultural connection.

Steve said: "I was touched to be invited by Sud and his friends to come along. What a lovely warm and welcoming group of people

and what a unique social and community gathering. "It was really interesting to chat with everyone and get stuck into some of the food on offer. Emily and William both had homework to do but I wanted them to join me at this event as I know they learnt a great deal about one part of the community in this part of my constituency. They certainly enjoyed the mango smoothie one of the stallholders kindly gave to them!"

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## ALPHA PARK HAS FIRST LET

The new industrial and warehouse development in Chandler's Ford has its first tenant, as a national courier and logistics company moves into the £20 million Alpha Park site. DX Network Services have signed a ten year lease for a unit to enable them to service their home delivery contract with IKEA.

## A VISIT TO THORNDEN

Steve Brine met up with Thornden Headteacher Su Whelan on a recent visit to the school.

Thornden is rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and its results are consistently high when compared to county and national standards. Steve says: "This was the first time I have met Su Whelan but I've been to Thornden many times and it's always a pleasure. We had a good walk round the school and wide-ranging chat about standards, recruitment, the eBacc and Thornden's role working around initial teacher training."



## GREEN FINGERS AT SHEPHERDS DOWN

Shepherds Down School in Compton is looking for volunteers from across the area who can turn their hand to gardening, painting and general maintenance.

The school caters for children with complex physical and learning disabilities, and the Friends of Shepherds Down have spoken to Steve about their need for volunteers.

He says: "This is a very special school where voluntary help is crucial. I've been in touch with local employers to highlight the need, and if you have spare time to help out, please email me." [steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk)

## LOVER OF THE LIGHT

Steve Brine joined the Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Christians of all denominations at Winchester Cathedral for a special Beacon event in early June.

This event was the culmination of a 'wave of prayer' across the country, and followed a special Unity service Steve also attended locally this year. As an active member of Christians in Parliament, the Chandler's Ford MP also regularly meets local church leaders both in Westminster and also in his constituency.

More: [www.christiansinparliament.org.uk](http://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk)



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IN BRIEF

**MP OPENS HILTINGBURY EXTRAVAGANZA**

Steve Brine took his family to Hiltingbury Rec on a sunny Sunday in September as he opened the Extravaganza.

The Chandler's Ford MP praised the organising committee as he took the mic and reminded the crowd just how much work goes into the event each year, which raises money for local charities.

He introduced children from Hiltingbury Juniors who sang a few numbers, and chatted with a number of local organisations and charities – including 1 Community – who had stands at the event.

**FRYERN FUNTASIA**

Steve and his daughter, Emily, dodged the showers on May Day Bank Holiday Monday to support the annual Fryern Funtasia.

The MP said; "I love these events and do my best to attend as many as possible right across the constituency each year. The team put so much work into making this event work and to ensure it's safe for all who attend. Emily and I really enjoyed ourselves again."



Steve with show sponsor Jonathan Rees and Cllr Judith Grajewski.

**SPECIAL BRENDONCARE PROJECT**

Steve Brine took a look at the progress of Brendoncare's new Otterbourne Hill site recently.

The MP was briefed on what the facility will offer; it is the first development of its kind in the UK, with a full range of services available for couples and families living with a dementia diagnosis, including apartments for couples, a specialist nursing and dementia care home.



Brendoncare boss Carole Sawyers with Steve Brine on-site.

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Summer 2017 may have seemed like four seasons in one day at times but one thing you can always rely on is Steve's Summer Tour. It took place as usual during Parliament's recess across August and September.

Finally opening the Hiltingbury Extravaganza in September. See left for more ...



Street surgery at the Fryern Arcade with Borough and Parish councillors.



Out with Cllr Jan Warwick and John Godbold in Badger Farm.



Special village surgery at Micheldever Station outside the Dove Inn.

Steve Brine's **SUMMER TOUR**

Chatting door to door in the rain with residents on Teg Down.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/summertour](http://www.stevebrine.com/summertour)

**VISITING WESTMINSTER**

A number of local schools have visited Parliament this year, continuing Steve Brine's tradition of welcoming groups to Westminster.

Children from Kings', Sparsholt and Twyford have been among a number to visit who, as well

as getting a tour of Parliament, meet up with Steve for a Q&A session.

He says; "Hosting youngsters in Parliament is a fantastic part of my job, I am very passionate about telling young people what we do as MPs.

"I would encourage any schools who've not made the trip yet to get in touch. We can promise a unique day out."

Steve has also once again thrown open his allocation of PMQs tickets to constituents and is inviting entries now

for Wednesday 10th January 2018. He can also arrange for any constituents to enjoy a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster](http://www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster)

**SUPPORTING CHANDLER'S FORD BUSINESSES**

It has been a busy few months for our MP in Chandler's Ford, as he has devoted a lot of time to supporting local businesses.

Steve Brine has visited Ageas, IBM, Uni-Link and One Insurance, where he arrived on a special Cheltenham-themed racing charity day.

These businesses are all fantastic and provide so much employment, not just across Chandler's Ford, but also further afield including lots of people in Winchester. The common themes are professionalism, innovation and damned hard work. We've such strength and depth.



Visiting One Insurance, Uni-Link and IBM

**KNOWLEDGE PARK UPDATE**

Work continues to bring new skilled jobs to our area ahead of the planned closure of the Sir John Moore Barracks in Winchester.

Alongside local council and business leaders, Steve Brine launched plans for a knowledge park on the 86-hectare site after the MoD announcement late last year.

Now, The Defence Infrastructure Organisation is working under Ministerial direction to prepare the business case for an employment led development on the site. That is expected to emerge in Spring 2018.

Steve says; "Project Juno is a big piece of work, much bigger than but including, SJMB. We are all working together, with the City Council as the key partners, to deliver something pretty special on this site while maintaining and protecting a rural gap between Littleton and Harestock that respects the area."



A strong team for local jobs; Cllr Caroline Horrill and Steve Brine.

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