



Steve Brine's WINCHESTER POST

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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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A portent for the future at the RHCH plus mental health and new Cancer Minister.



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Protecting our kids on the internet with Google and challenging extremist content.

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."

The MP said this was "great news" but promised he would continue his campaign to see Hampshire gets its fair share and warned of a growing issue in Winchester around secondary school places. We must protect the "theory and the practice" of school choice at age-11 he told *The Winchester Post*.

More: www.stevebrine.com/schoolplaces



Residents in The Valley area of Stanmore are breathing a sigh of relief after their much loved common room was saved. Winchester City Council had proposed converting the whole facility into flats but a campaign led by local councillor Jamie Scott and Steve Brine on behalf of residents led to WCC pledging to convert only part of the current space to provide a one bedroom flat while retaining the rest as a communal facility.

 Follow Steve's work and join in the conversation:
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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

STEVE BRINE'S PRIORITY NHS 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."

More: www.stevebrine.com/familyplanningsummit

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 Winchester 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 and support Jamie's efforts if you can www.stevebrine.com/PCUK



MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

Winchester's MP 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 Winchester 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



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 with the Legends team at Merton School in Chandler's Ford.

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.

MORE COUNCIL HOMES ON THE WAY

Government follows Winchester's lead on new affordable housing.

The government has announced a new generation of council houses will be built with an extra £2bn going into the affordable housing budget. The move allows more homes to be built for social rent.

Building on a £10 billion extension of Help to Buy, and new protections for people renting from private landlords, the news follows Winchester's lead, as the Conservative council here has been building council homes for years.

Steve Brine said: "This

will all be very welcome in Winchester given our high average property prices. The New Homes Programme run by the Conservative team at WCC is being supercharged and the latest proposals for 76 new homes at The Valley in Stanmore are very exciting."

Cllr Caroline Horriell adds; "This will be the largest new homes project Winchester has developed to date and will provide modern, well designed flats and houses with very low running costs for local tenants."



On-site at the New Queen's Head homes and opening Barron Close in Micheldever.

NEW TRAIN FRANCHISE

South Western Railway have now taken over from South West Trains and will run local services for the next seven years.

Their bid to win the franchise included improved capacity, wi-fi that works, improved journey times and smart ticketing which will see the introduction of part-time season tickets.

MP Steve Brine continues to work closely on a wide range of transport issues and is in regular contact with SWR to ensure they remain aware of Winchester's priorities.

He says; "I was impressed with their ambition and energy from the start and they're clearly hungry to deliver a better railway for my constituents. I've already met their top team and made it clear I want to work with them but will hold them to every one of their promises made."

"We have to also recognise however, that the operator is one



Steve at Waterloo this Summer seeing the major works taking place.

part of delivering for passengers. There's a role for Government but crucially, for Network Rail who must go on delivering the infrastructure that makes increased capacity possible. It's why I channel so much energy and my experience into the railway."

The MP also echoed his recent call for the company and the RMT Union to resolve any disputes without affecting his constituents.

STOP PRESS: Steve will be holding a special ASKSWR event early in 2018. This and much more at www.stevebrine.com/trains

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 Winchester holidaymakers who use the route each year.

More: 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

BIG BREW FOR FAIRTRADE

Steve Brine and his children supported the Big Brew in Oliver's Battery, one of many events marking Fair Trade Fortnight.

Held at St Mark's Church, it was one of a number of 'Big Brews' supporting the work of Traidcraft in fighting poverty in the developing world through trade.

Steve said: "Buying items bearing the Fairtrade Mark guarantees that farmers and producers receive a fair price, and I was delighted to take young Emily and William along so they can learn about Fairtrade."

More: www.winchesterfairtrade.org.uk

MP ON THE (ST GILES) HILL

Steve Brine was invited to speak to the St Giles Hill Residents' Association at their AGM back in April.

The MP discussed the balance of his day to day duties, including casework, which he described as the 'bread and butter' of his job and his near decade working for Winchester. He also covered his roles in Parliament, and how he prioritises his work so that he remains "first and foremost a constituency MP".



NEWS IN BRIEF

CITY CENTRE REGEN

Conservatives running the City Council have outlined ambitious plans to regenerate the city centre - the area known as Silver Hill - after years of delay.

Over 1500 local people took part in a community planning process this year which has provided the outline for a way forward. The vision includes a mix of retail, commercial and housing, with plans for an attractive design based on the principle of "Winchesterness".

Cllr Caroline Horriell says: "The new plan, known as a Supplementary Planning Document, will be completed in the New Year following further public consultation and a financial and viability plan."

HAPPY ENDING TO ALRESFORD POWER CUTS

SSE have made good on their promise to contribute to the Alresford community after businesses in the town were badly affected by power cuts this Summer.

Steve Brine took up the case and demanded answers from the power company. He says; "The apology was welcome but they offered to also make a donation of £500 as a goodwill gesture which is really kind. I contacted the Alresford Pigs and we agreed the money would go to their Christmas Tree fund which plays an important part in ensuring Alresford remains an attractive destination during the festive period. Many Alresford shops have challenges at this time, they need a good Christmas this year more than ever."



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."

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ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINTS

Winchester is looking at expanding the number of 'fast-charge' points for electric vehicles.

Keen to support these environmentally friendly vehicles, the City Council will be developing a strategy for charging points over the coming months, to determine what sort of investment will be needed to accommodate future demand. Steve said: "As highlighted by Michael Gove recently, this is very much the way forward, and I look forward to seeing our future local plans."

Even more
NEWS
IN BRIEF



Steve with Parish Chairman, Patrick Cunningham, at the Littleton meeting in October.

LITTLETON FLOODING

Hampshire County Council have been working alongside the parish councils of Littleton, Headbourne Worthy and King's Worthy to develop measures to reduce local flooding, after the events of early 2014.

Key objectives include reducing the impact on our communities, and damage to properties, business and infrastructure, while improving local resilience should a similar weather event happen again.

Following a public engagement session held in Littleton in October, attended by Steve Brine, final proposals will be presented in the spring.

More: www.stevebrine.com/flooding

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www.stevebrine.com/brexit

NEW DISCOVERIES ON HYDE ABBEY SITE



Excavations in King Alfred Terrace during Hyde900's Holiday Weekend Community Dig earlier this year revealed a mass of building and other material dating back to the middle ages, while the unearthing of a significant amount of Roman mortar fragments suggest the possibility of a building from the Roman era. Steve Brine, with his two children, dropped into the dig to learn more and, alongside Hyde900, is looking forward to further community digs next year.

More: www.hyde900.org.uk

WINCHESTER STUDENT CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY

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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.

Street surgery with Cllrs Ian Tait and Fiona Mather in Highcliffe.



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



Special village surgery at Micheldever Station outside the Dove Inn.

Street surgery in London Road, Kings Worthy outside the Post Office.



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



Steve Brine's **SUMMER TOUR**

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

KINGS BARTON TAKES SHAPE

Steve Brine visited Barton Farm this year as the new Kings Barton development begins to take shape.

As reported in the press, the first set of first-time buyers secured their homes in April; 800 of the houses must be set aside for social housing and those on the council waiting list.

Steve Brine said; "I wanted to take a look at the work carried out and speak to the CALA team. I'm also a trustee of the newly-forming primary school led by the University of Winchester. We are all pleased the site for our new school has now been handed over to Hampshire County Council."



Steve meeting developers on-site and, below, Paul Twelftree who leads the campaign to keep the old Andover Road open.



KNOWLEDGE PARK UPDATE

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

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 in Winchester. 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 Horrell and Steve Brine.

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