



# Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

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Local MP keeps up the pressure on major Junction 9 project and South Western Railway.

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVOLUTION

**MP hails a new generation taking control of the green agenda and broadening its appeal at last.**



Steve Brine says a welcome new 'environmental revolution' is taking place as the government announces a series of hard-hitting actions to secure a greener future.

The Prime Minister recently launched a landmark 25 Year Environment Plan which sets out how the UK will improve the quality of air and water, create richer habitats for wildlife and crucially, tackle plastic in the oceans.

Steve told The Chandler's Ford Post; "Over the next quarter of a century, we will crackdown on plastics by eliminating all avoidable plastic waste. We'll be doing this by extending the very successful 5p plastic bag charge to small retailers, removing consumer single use plastics from the government estate, supporting the water industry to significantly increase water fountains and working with retailers on introducing plastic-free supermarket aisles. We will also use aid money to help developing countries.

"I know from many conversations I have had with constituents that this environmental revolution is really cutting through, especially among the younger generation. My own children tell me there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish by 2050 and, although it's impossible to ever accurately count either, they're onto this."

The government has also said it will create 500,000 hectares of new habitat for endangered species and will be seeking to create an international anti-poaching taskforce, as well as extending the UK's network of marine-protected areas.

Steve continued: "We are fully committed to delivering a Green Brexit and I am closely involved in this on the subject of air quality through my role as Public Health Minister.

"Michael Gove has made a flying start to his brief and it's good to see. It's been hard to keep pace at times but I know moves such as introducing legislation to install mandatory CCTV in all slaughterhouses was also a very popular move locally."

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



Steve has young children who are part of a new, more environmentally aware, generation driving change.



Steve's local priority remains the NHS and he is pictured here on a recent visit to the Macmillan acute oncology unit at Southampton General Hospital. He met with clinical staff as well as patients to discuss treatment, recovery and the faster 28-day diagnosis standard. While on site he also took time to meet with the team bringing a new children's hospital to the area as they reached the £1m fundraising milestone. More: [www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs](http://www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs)

### Our plan to end avoidable plastic:

- We pledge to eliminate all avoidable plastic waste by the end of 2042
- Encourage supermarkets to introduce plastic-free aisles
- Extend the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags to all retailers
- Plans to inject new funding into plastics innovation
- Explore charges on single-use items
- Help developing nations tackle pollution & reduce plastic waste, including through UK aid

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# NEWS IN BRIEF



## REPRESENTING THE UK

**Health Ministers from the G7 met in Milan last year and the Chandler's Ford MP was there representing the UK.**

The agenda covered climate variability and its impact on human health, women's and adolescent's health as well as anti-microbial resistance.

Speaking in the final session of the event, Steve Brine criticised the US administration for pulling out of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and spoke about strong action the UK Government is taking to tackle air pollution. He also stressed the importance of women in the developing world having access to the same high quality family planning and sexual health services enjoyed in the UK.

## READING FIGURES TRANSFORMED

**Steve Brine has welcomed the announcement that reforms to the national curriculum have seen the best reading standards in England for over 15 years.**

In 2010 the government announced that all schools would be required to use phonics to teach children to read. Since then, England has risen to joint 8th in the world for reading standards, improving the reading level of pupils from all backgrounds.

This follows official statistics which show all children in the Winchester & Chandler's Ford constituency are now attending schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding'.

## OSBORNE SCHOOL WW1 AWARD

**Two students from Osborne School in Winchester were invited to the House of Lords before Christmas to receive a special prize for their First World War legacy project.**

Jack Dunford and Ben Morgan, both Year 10 students at the maintained special school, were recognised for putting together one of the six best legacy projects in the country, following their participation in the First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours Programme.

Steve Brine was there to hand out the award and said: "Their film is a brilliant example of the way in which students can share their educational experiences with one another, as well as with the wider community in Winchester. Well done Osborne!"

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## FOCUS ON CANCER

**Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine, who was recently reappointed as the Public Health Minister, has welcomed news that cancer survival rates in England are at an all-time high and continue to improve.**

And he recently took part in an evidence session on progress being made to deliver the 95 recommendations in the Cancer Strategy for England by 2020.

Over 80 organisations and individuals submitted written evidence to the enquiry, and the session focused on workforce, funding, governance and accountability, early diagnosis and overall delivery of the strategy.

Steve also hosts a regular cancer 'roundtable' at the Department of Health where he invites representatives from cancer charities across the country to work as key members of the team to drive better outcomes.

He says; "Record survival rates are great but we know there's much more to do. The overwhelming majority of cancer patients are being seen and treated promptly against a backdrop of more people being diagnosed than ever before which is why I obsess about early diagnosis. For almost all cancers it is this which will save lives."



**Steve chairing the cancer roundtable and inside the Proton Beam Centre at The Christie in Manchester.**



The MP also visited The Christie in Manchester last year, the largest single site cancer centre in Europe to see development of the National Proton Beam Centre. It is due to open in August 2018 and will be the first such centre in the UK; currently patients are forced to travel to the United States.

## IT STARTS WITH ME

**Steve Brine visited the Terrence Higgins Trust back in November to mark HIV Self-Testing week.**

The Health Minister, and our local MP, discussed a range of topics with people who are living with HIV and inspirational charity Chief Executive Ian Green.

They also discussed PrEP, a drug currently being trialled by the NHS which prevents the virus being passed on. Also on the agenda was the stigma of living with the condition, particularly amongst the older service-users who were diagnosed in the 1980s when AIDS was seen as a death sentence.

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



## FUTURE OF DIABETES

**Steve Brine launched the Future of Diabetes report recently at a special event in Westminster.**

The report follows one of the largest engagement studies ever undertaken by the main charity in this area, Diabetes UK.

The scale of the challenge means that new ways to support people living with the condition need to be found, and their report identifies six themes ranging from getting the right support from health and care services, support with the emotional aspects of diabetes, access to information, treatment and technology plus support at work or school.



**Steve with Oliver's Battery constituent, Ian Piotrowsky, at the event.**

## VISITING WESTMINSTER

**Local schools and organisations continue to visit Parliament, continuing Steve Brine's tradition of welcoming groups to Westminster.**

Children from Itchen Abbas Primary School, and South Wonston Primary School, as well as Peter Symonds students have been among a number to visit who, as well as getting a tour of Parliament, met up with Steve for a Q&A session.

Steve also welcomed (pictured) a group from The Friends of St Matthew and St Paul Church late last year. He has also once again thrown open his allocation of PMQs tickets to constituents and is inviting entries now for 18th April 2018.

**See more at [www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster](http://www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster)**



# EASTLEIGH LOCAL PLAN 'MESS'

**Eastleigh Borough Council is still without an adopted Local Plan for housing, infrastructure and employment space. This failure, as the local planning authority, means that local residents don't have the certainty of knowing where development can and cannot take place.**

Cllr Judith Grajewski said: "Yes, the borough needs more housing but the council should be working with local residents and co-operating with neighbouring authorities to ensure that the right homes are built in the right places whilst protecting our environmental assets, heritage and communities."

"The Council is pressing ahead with plans for 5,200 new homes north of Bishopstoke despite the massive negative impact this will have on ancient woodlands, the South Downs National Park and the internationally renowned and protected River Itchen SAC (Special Area of Conservation). An, as yet unfunded, bypass is also planned to bring traffic from this new development through Allbrook toward Junction 12 of the M3.

"Eastleigh's flawed draft plans aim to deliver 729 new homes each year for the next 20 years which would create 2,000 more homes than the borough actually needs."

Steve Brine said: "I'm extremely concerned by the way Eastleigh is preparing its Local Plan in isolation from its neighbours in Winchester District and Chandler's Ford, and without listening to its own residents. Eastleigh has doggedly pursued this large development north of Bishopstoke to the exclusion of other available sites in the borough which should have been evaluated in as much depth rather than being dismissed early in the planning process."

"Eastleigh's MP shares my concerns along with the Meon Valley MP whose



Action Against Destructive Development campaigners outside a recent meeting of Eastleigh Borough Council.

constituents will also be affected by Eastleigh's proposals."

Cllr Judith Grajewski added: "The sheer volume of traffic which the new bypass will bring to the M3 will put intolerable pressure on Junction 12 and local roads in Chandler's Ford".

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## COUNCIL HOMES TO DOUBLE BY 2020

Conservative-run Winchester City Council has announced plans to double the amount of council homes built by 2020. This means that the Council's existing target of delivering 300 new council homes by 2020, is now more than 600.

The council has identified sites for council housing from across the district for schemes of varying size. The schemes will provide homes for older people and families, and the ambitious plans also aim to provide for young people who want to take their first steps onto the housing ladder.

More: [www.winchester.gov.uk/projects](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/projects)

## GO SOUTH COAST

Steve Brine met with Andrew Wickham, Managing Director of Go South Coast for a catch-up back in December as Andrew told Steve how demand is increasing, as well as how they are running new buses introduced just last year.



Go South Coast operates the Blue Star 1 route from Winchester-Chandler's Ford-Southampton, with a service every 15 minutes, and Steve was delighted to pass on his congratulations to the team for recently winning the Bus Operator of the Year award.

More: [www.gosouthcoast.co.uk](http://www.gosouthcoast.co.uk)

## AGEAS

Steve Brine visited Ageas, one of the UK's leading insurance companies, at its Chandler's Ford headquarters, recently to explore issues facing the insurance industry, and find out what more can be done to help insurers reduce customer premiums.

Mr Brine said: "As the Government is now in the process of introducing new legislation to combat fraudulent claims I wanted to find out first hand from Ageas the implications of these changes. In addition I am now aware of some proposed redundancies and stand ready of course to work with the team and any of my constituents affected."

More: [www.ageas.co.uk](http://www.ageas.co.uk)

## STATION APPROACH COMMERCIAL PROMISE

The Station Approach project forms part of WCC's vision to boost the city's economy and make the best use of key sites.

The scheme will have a positive impact on the economy and environment, including better walking and cycling links and provide more Grade A office space that we badly need. City Finance Chief, Cllr Guy Ashton says: "If we develop high-quality commercial spaces, then we have the best chance of retaining our existing private sector employers as well as encouraging new businesses to locate here."

The Council has appointed Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands to provide architectural design and related services.

# HILTINGBURY SCHOOLS VISIT



With the dinner ladies and Headteacher at Hiltingbury Juniors and Q&A with the school council at the Infant School.

Steve Brine visited both Hiltingbury Junior School and Hiltingbury Infant School before Christmas, as he took the time to meet with the children and chat with staff at the popular schools.



Hiltingbury Junior School has 400 pupils spread over twelve classes, and is rated Outstanding by Ofsted. Steve met with Headteacher Sam Hunter and Chair of Governors Judith Rutherford, where they discussed how the school was doing, alongside their future plans.

Steve said; "This is a superb school in every respect. We toured the school, met learning council reps and discussed admissions, as well as their future budget and the special Speech and Language Unit they have on-site."

"Sam and Judith are clearly a highly-driven and focused team really delivering for Hiltingbury children, and I am very grateful for them taking the time to speak with me today."

He then popped into Hiltingbury Infants, after they celebrated a very special occasion. He took a tour of the school, where he met every class, and also spoke to the headteacher and governors. He also spent time chatting to the School Council, who gave him a lovely hand-made Christmas card.

Steve said: "I was so pleased to be able to visit, and to thank everyone at the school for time and hospitality. It's been a special time for Hiltingbury Infants, as they have just celebrated their 50th birthday, and did so in some style!"



# DOVETAIL CAFÉ THRIVES

Steve Brine popped back into the Dovetail Café, based in Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, in February, to see how they were getting on a few months after the grand re-opening.

The Chandler's Ford MP had been thrilled to re-open the popular café back in September, after it had been given an extensive refurbishment, and was delighted to see the centre packed with customers and volunteers.

Steve said: "As I remarked to the packed relaunch back in the autumn, the Dovetail Centre is hugely important to the local community, and it was lovely to be able to pop my head in and see how they are going. It's fair to say the café is thriving."

The café is open from 9-12 each morning, Monday to Friday.

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



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**CITY BUSINESS BREAKFAST**

Continuing an annual tradition, Steve Brine addressed business leaders at the Chamber / BiD breakfast recently.

The event, held at the Mercure Wessex Hotel, heard an update from the MP on national policy as well as comment on a number of local issues currently facing the area.

**AND, CITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Steve Brine joined local organisations and city leaders as the Guildhall hosted a special Prayer Breakfast just before Christmas.



Radio 4 regular Brian Draper, who often appears on Thought for the Day, led a conversation with Steve, Alan Lovell from the University of Winchester and Hampshire Cultural Trust, and Ellie Payne, who leads youth work at St Barnabas church in Weeke. They were observed by a range of representatives from organisations such as Winchester Basics Bank, Winchester Vineyard, the police and local councils.

Steve said: "This was the first such event organised by Churches Together in Winchester and it was very special. I hope it's repeated."

**FUNTASIA DATE**

The Fryern Funtasia, as per tradition, will once again be held on the afternoon of Monday 2nd May.



Steve with sponsor Jonathan Rees and Cllr Judith Grajewski at last year's event.

Steve Brine said: "This is a hugely popular event, and a firm fixture in our calendar because young Emily and William absolutely love it. I know that local families will be looking forward to the afternoon already, and I wish the organisers all the best as they prepare for the big day."

**GREEN LIGHT FOR FOOTPATH**

Construction of the long-awaited footpath at Hiltingbury Recreation Ground has been given the go-ahead thanks to generous funding from Hampshire County Council.

The path is set to run from the Ashdown Road entrance along the hedge line parallel to Hiltingbury Road to the connecting point with the access road at the eastern end. Families with children at Hiltingbury Schools have been calling for this footpath for some time.

**BOOMTOWN LET'S SEE THE WHOLE PICTURE SAYS MP**

Steve Brine has spoken out on the subject of Boomtown Fair, the popular music and arts festival hosted each Summer at the Matterley Bowl near Winchester.

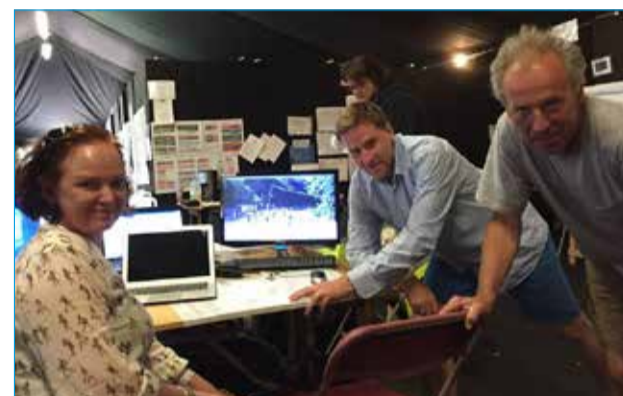
The Winchester & Chandler's Ford MP, who has attended many festivals including Glastonbury since he was young, wrote in defence of the event in his regular column for the Hampshire Chronicle earlier this year. He said growing up around the festival circuit gives him a balanced view and added insight into what really goes on.

He wrote: "First and foremost, we were all teenagers once and thousands of young people living locally safely enjoy Boomtown and the opportunity to see acts such as the Gorillaz, Ziggy Marley and The Specials just up the road."

The article went on to touch on the economic impact of a large festival, licensing and noise regulation, money raised for good causes and the ground-breaking way Boomtown are using their position to engage with young people around the dangers of illegal drug use.

Want more? Read Steve's frank and honest piece in full via

[www.stevebrine.com/boomtown](http://www.stevebrine.com/boomtown)



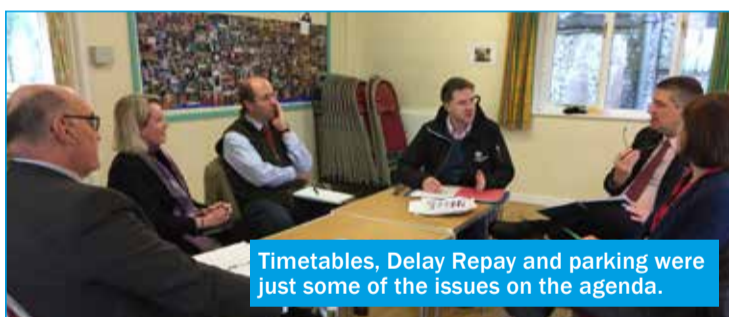
Steve with Matterley owner Peverill Bruce and team in the Boomtown Control Room.

**BODYCOATS ROAD UPDATE**

In September 2017, county councillor Judith Grajewski organised a meeting for local stakeholders and county council officers to discuss road safety in Bodycoats Road near Toynbee School. The area can become quite crowded with traffic and school pupils, some of whom have visual impairment and attend the special unit at Toynbee. The meeting was positive and constructive.

As a result, a range of action points was drawn up and the County Council's internal engineering consultancy was commissioned to produce a draft scheme to improve safety for children crossing at this location. A concept design is currently the subject of an early stage road safety audit.

Steve Brine says: "This site is not without its constraints so I'm pleased that Hampshire County Council is thoroughly looking at how to improve crossing facilities adjacent to the school".



Timetables, Delay Repay and parking were just some of the issues on the agenda.

**BAD START FOR SWR**

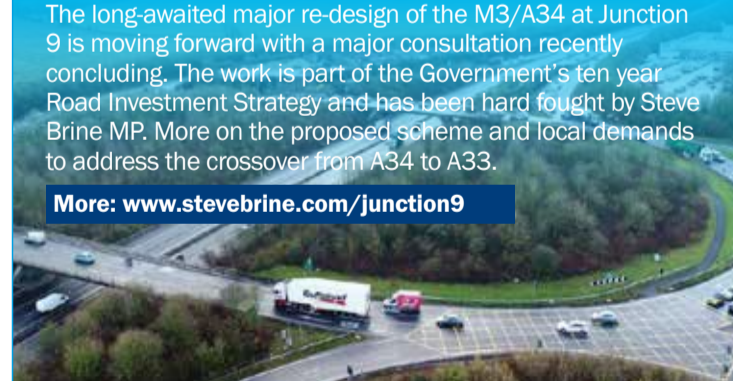
Local MP Steve Brine says he is disappointed by the start to the South Western Railway franchise, and 'troubled' by the consultation on a potential new timetable. He held a top-level meeting recently with the company and local councillors.

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

**M3 J9 MOVES FORWARD**

The long-awaited major re-design of the M3/A34 at Junction 9 is moving forward with a major consultation recently concluding. The work is part of the Government's ten year Road Investment Strategy and has been hard fought by Steve Brine MP. More on the proposed scheme and local demands to address the crossover from A34 to A33.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/junction9](http://www.stevebrine.com/junction9)



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