



Steve Brine's WINCHESTER POST

For Winchester, Alresford and surrounding villages from Prospective Conservative MP, Steve Brine

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COMMUNITIES UNDER THREAT

STEVE BRINE has warned that community life across the Winchester area is under threat as never before.

The Prospective MP for Winchester's warning comes as plans to replace local family doctors' surgeries with impersonal super-surgeries known as 'polyclinics' were criticised by the British Medical Association and the Patients Association.

Meanwhile, local nurseries are campaigning against the scrapping of top-up fees for nursery education, which could close many desperately needed places in Winchester.

While many of our sub-post offices survived a cull this year we still lost branches in Shawford and Littleton, a permanent service in Micheldever and our Crown Post Office in the move to WH Smith.

Meanwhile, Gordon Brown has given the green light to ANOTHER increase in the number of houses Winchester must build, with worrying implications for many communities. A new

Counting the cost:

- 1,700 family doctors' surgeries could be replaced by 'polyclinics'
- 1,000's of nursery places under threat
- 2,500 Post Office branches set to close
- Popular postmen moved from their rounds (see inside)
- 12,740 houses forced upon Winchester District

regional planning document called the 'South East Plan' has increased the required housing numbers for the Winchester district to 12,740 homes over the next 20 years.

Steve Brine told *The Winchester Post*; "We are fortunate to live in vibrant communities but they are facing a real threat. Just look at what happened to post offices this year when we saw profitable businesses closed against the wishes of local people. And now, the intention to meddle with nursery education is leaving parents and nursery staff with an uncertain future.

"Local NHS services could be next. Patients and local GPs have spoken to me and they are fearful that local family doctors' surgeries could be replaced. Who wants to travel miles to a 'polyclinic' and never see the same doctor twice?

"The cumulative effect of losing these services is that communities become weaker and it is the poorest, the elderly and the most disadvantaged who suffer the most. We've got to reverse this trend of cut backs and closures and I am determined to argue just that if I become Winchester's next MP."



■ Steve Brine with Shadow Families Minister, Maria Miller and the children & staff of Hartley House Nursery



■ The Littleton Post Office in happier times and (above) safe for now, Fraser Road PO in Kings Worthy



■ Steve putting the case for our local communities to the Post Office earlier this year

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■ **Steve Brine with Conservative leader David Cameron at the recent party conference in Birmingham**

A plan for positive change in Winchester

Steve Brine, the local Parliamentary Candidate, has welcomed the plans unveiled at the Conservative Party Conference, which will help residents across the city and its surrounding towns and villages.

The Conservative leader David Cameron said the conference showed that his party is a strong, united alternative to Labour. But he insisted that the Tories were not just sitting back and waiting for Labour to fall apart: 'We're coming forward with bold, radical ideas for changing Britain,' he said. 'There is absolutely no complacency.'

During the week, the Conservatives unveiled a clear plan for change. Among the key announcements were:

- The plan for a strong economy - helping ease the pain of the downturn and improving our economy for the long term. David Cameron pledged to make sure government lives within its means, cuts the national debt, and makes Britain more competitive.

- The plan for a better NHS - getting rid of Labour's top-down targets and bureaucracy, and making sure doctors answer to patients, not politicians.

- The plan for social reform - starting to repair our broken society by raising school standards and discipline, ending the something-for-nothing welfare culture, and strengthening families.

Steve said this is great news for local families: "Because we're a united team focused on the big issues we face, I hope people can trust us to work together for the country in a crisis. I think it is also important to remember only the Conservatives can remove this Government from office."

'We're talking about the future of this country, unlike Labour who spent their conference arguing about their internal problems and the Liberal Democrats who were either attacking us or making wildly irresponsible (not to mention unaffordable!) promises of tax cuts.'

STOP! ...Mr Postman

Prospective Conservative MP Steve Brine has been busy lately handling constituent concerns about changes to their local postal service.

Residents in the villages of Easton and Martyr Worthy were horrified to hear their postman of 20 years service was being moved without notice. Steve Brine took up their case, met with Royal Mail bosses at Winnall and Robert Paddington (pictured) was able to get back on his bike!

- **Do you have experiences you would like to publicise about your postman/postwoman?**
- **Are you worried about the timing and reliability of your mail delivery at the moment?**
- **Get in touch with Steve (in confidence) steve@stevebrine.com or 01962 762 023**



A SURE START FOR OUR KIDS...

Hampshire County Council has outlined ambitious plans to ensure every under five is covered by a Sure Start Children's Centre. Our area currently has three such centres - Lanterns in Bereweeke Road, Sparklers Children's Centre in Winnall and The Carroll Children's Centre in Winchester City Centre.

The Conservative-led authority now plans a third wave - with final decisions due in the New Year as to exactly where they will be built.

New Children's Centres

One to cater for Kings Worthy, the Wonston & Micheldever area and the Itchen Valley

One in the Borough of Eastleigh to look after residents in Compton, Otterbourne, Hursley and Shawford

Another between Alton and Alresford to cover New and Old Alresford

But let's remember the services we need INSIDE Children's Centres

The Lanterns Centre in the Bereweeke area of Winchester was opened in October 2005 and has become a much loved and well used local facility.

Among other services it houses is B.A.B.I.E.S - which stands for Babies And Breastfeeding, Information, Encouragement, Support. Run by the National Childbirth Trust, it offers free breastfeeding support and help to all new mothers in the Winchester and District area. Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine knows the value of Lanterns, and B.A.B.I.E.S in particular; "When we had Emily late in 2007, the NCT service at Lanterns was simply brilliant and I know Susie hugely values the support she received. We want every new parent to have the same opportunity we had. B.A.B.I.E.S is however 100% charity funded and now faces an uncertain future as funding becomes harder to secure.

"It is the perfect example of a great service offered to local people through a Children's Centre but a pertinent reminder that we must consider what goes INTO these centre's as much as how many there are. If they are sparkly new buildings without vital services such as B.A.B.I.E.S we have to ask who they are serving?"

B.A.B.I.E.S needs YOUR HELP!

Can you help the NCT continue to provide this service?

If so, you can send a cheque made payable to

"NCT Winchester Branch" and please write 'For BABIES' on the back. Send to; Winchester NCT, c/o Lanterns Children's Centre, Bereweeke Road, Winchester, SO22 6AJ.

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■ **Breastfeeding counsellors, Jane Moffett and Jennie Gavin at Lanterns.**

2008 has been a busy year ...in the media and out-and-about for local family man, Steve Brine

'Bold and Innovative' work of hospital praised

Winchester: 'culture change' in MRSA control seeing impressive results

Steve Brine, Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Winchester, who accompanied Andrew Lansley, Tory Health Spokesman on a visit last Thursday said: "The Trust's ambition to have an infection-free hospital in Winchester is exactly where we should be aiming and it's nothing less than people expect. "The RHCH is really setting the standard in a bold and innovative way."

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE: May 15, 2008



■ A group of Kenyan Maasai Warriors visit All Saints Church in Highcliffe in July

P0 queues are costing us money, say firms

Relocated services face new complaints

Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Winchester, Steve Brine, has taken up the traders' case.

He said: "It is very worrying to hear from certain parts of the Winchester business community that the post office is starting to affect them.

"In the current business climate they need to spend every moment available running their business and serving their customers, not queuing to post their mail.

"The post office promised to listen to their customers in Winchester, and we promised to feed back to them how it was working out.

"This is another sign that things are not running at all smoothly."

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE: August 21, 2008 - front page lead story

■ Steve has continually spoken up for residents and business concerned about the new Post Office in WH Smith

Tories call for P0 card account changes

Westminster Tory hopeful Steve Brine thinks that his party might have something up its sleeve to help beleaguered post offices and low income families.

The Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Winchester is calling for changes to the current Post Office card account.

As it stands, it is designed to cater for low income families without a bank account.

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE: September 11, 2008

Micheldever site rejected for eco-town

Government throw out 'recycled' scheme for 12,500-home settlement

Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Winchester, Steve Brine, also welcomed the decision.

He said: "This was never about an eco-friendly development; it was about unsustainable plans for a major new town on this relatively remote area that has been rejected time and time again by residents and their elected representatives."

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE: April 10, 2008, front page lead story



■ Steve often joins Weeke councillor Eileen Berry for her Saturday surgery on Stoney Lane.

Speed signs a step in the right direction

Colden Common: But more is needed to put brake on speeding cars, say villagers

Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Winchester, Steve Brine, has helped villagers with their campaign.

He said: "This has been a painfully slow process - and I know many would have liked it to cover a longer stretch of road, but everyone has been extremely

patient and the important thing is we now have the 30mph limit in place.

"The work doesn't stop here however. We need to ensure the 30mph signs can be clearly seen by motorists and that there are enough of them to have impact.

"The other issue, which has gone hand-in-hand with this new speed limit, is the resurfacing of Church Lane.

"I was pleased we were able to secure its inclusion in the county council works programme for 2008/2009, which we should see taking place in January.

"All of this taken together will hopefully make Church Lane a safer road for everyone."

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE: August 7, 2008



■ Little Emily (and Steve) opening the famous Easton fete, August Bank Holiday weekend!

Action group to fight plan for development

Steve Brine, Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Winchester has supported the residents' campaign.

Mr Brine said: "Any development in a conservation area should positively enhance it and I don't believe for one moment what's proposed here will do anything of the kind for St John's. It is wrong in terms of density, character and its likely impact on those already living in the immediate area".

DAILY ECHO, August 7, 2008



■ Winchester on the BBC

Winchester was also featured this year on the BBC's Daily Politics Show with Andrew Neil. You can watch the film, featuring Steve Brine and his young team campaigning in Hyde, via www.stevebrine.com/tv



■ Winchester Hospital Radio: Steve Brine was interviewed for WHR's own version of Desert Island Discs at their studios inside the Royal County Hospital. He chose Keane and The Carpenters (sorry about that part!)

Phone boxes cull 'another example of disappearing England'

Winchester's Tory parliamentary hopeful has lamented the impending loss of scores of traditional phone boxes across Hampshire.

Steve Brine was responding to the news that 150 boxes in central and south Hampshire are ear-marked for removal.

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE: June 19, 2008

THE FUTURE OF ADULT CARE

Hampshire's ageing population presents our area - and Hampshire County Council especially - with one of its biggest challenges.

Council leader Ken Thornber says; "Put simply, we had two choices, bury our head in the sand or give people and organisations across the county the opportunity to give their views and opinions on the future services for adults in need of support and care."

The Conservative-led authority has set up the Commission of Enquiry on the Future of Adult Social Care which has been holding public hearings - in Winchester - during much of 2008. The driving force behind this move is a Government wish to provide adult social care that is more personalised. The so-called Personalisation Agenda will be a fundamental change to the way social care services for adults are being delivered and it is expected that it will

bring about much better outcomes for people in need and their carers and will ensure that they are afforded choice, dignity and control in the way they lead their lives.

Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine, is backing the enquiry 100 per cent - it will report to Government later this year. "I attended an excellent session with the BBC's Peter White at our very own Discovery Centre in September and have discussed the challenges posed to Hampshire by the soaring cost of Adult Social Care with Cllr Thornber on several occasions (pictured). That has allowed me to influence the debate and communicate experiences given to me by Winchester people on this most important of subjects."



... and a challenge to the other parties

In Spring 2009 we will have local elections to Hampshire County Council. In these difficult times, it is more important than ever to reject political opportunism and present positive ideas. We challenge the other political parties in Winchester to see if they can focus on the real issues that affect local people – such as the future of adult social care – and put forward their positive vision for the people of Hampshire. The voters of Winchester deserve nothing less and will watch with great interest to see if their local politicians can rise to this challenge!

You can find out more www.stevebrine.com/adultsocialcare

More online ...

Conservatives have unveiled plans for a world-class rail link to cut pollution and bridge the North-South divide

More online ...

Former England footballer has backed David Cameron's plans for a National Citizen Service for 16-year olds.

More online ...

A Tory Government will give patients the opportunity to choose a single room in NHS hospitals to give dignity and safety in hospital.

Steve's 5-minute survey

Everyone's leading busy lives nowadays - but we hope you can take 5 to tell Steve what you think!

Your views on the economy:

Are you worried about your job at the moment?
Yes No Other _____

Do you think things will get better/worse/stay the same over the next 18 months?

Worse Better Stay the same

Your views on the local NHS:

Are you happy with the local hospital?
Yes No Fortunately no experience

Are you satisfied with your local GP surgery?

Yes No Unsure

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile / Tel: _____

Email: _____

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Thank you for your time

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SURVEY TO: Steve Brine, Prospective Conservative MP, c/o The Coach House, Worthy Park, Winchester, SO21 1AN

Your views on crime:

Is tackling low level vandalism and anti-social behaviour important to you?
Yes No Unsure

Do you think local police officers are visible and available when called?

Yes No Unsure

When Winchester next votes at a General Election, who will you support as Prime Minister?

Gordon Brown, Labour
David Cameron, Conservatives
Caroline Lucas, Green
Nick Clegg, Liberal Party

A LOCAL plan for change!

At the next election, Winchester will have a clear choice - a fresh new Conservative Government led by David Cameron or more of the same from Gordon Brown's failing Labour Party. Steve Brine is an independent thinker who will always put his constituency ahead of his party and that is why so many Liberal Democrat voters are saying they will put their trust in the Conservatives again at the next election.

It will be close here in Winchester and - whatever the polls say - in the country as a whole. If Winchester wants change, we are going to have to vote for it.

Local family man Steve Brine is standing for the Conservatives. He lives locally with his wife Susie and baby daughter, Emily who was born at the Royal Hampshire last November.

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