

A 'Green Deal' for city homes

Update from Prospective Winchester MP, **Steve Brine** and your local Conservative team



Steve Brine on a recent visit to the Bar End recycling facility with Site Manager Christina Hopkins, Shadow Environment Secretary, Nick Herbert MP and Cllr Roy Perry

Conservatives have launched a ground-breaking scheme that will give every household in Winchester the chance to save money on heating bills AND do their bit to help the environment.

David Cameron's 'Green Deal' is part of radical plans - from the only party who can replace Labour as the Government after this year's election - to move Britain to a low carbon economy.

Under Conservative plans trusted retailers like Marks & Spencer, as well as energy suppliers, social enterprises,

local authorities and local businesses, would be entitled to provide energy efficiency improvements to local homes using this new allowance and other publicly available grants. The costs are then repaid over 25 years via the regular electricity bill.

Prospective Conservative MP for Winchester Steve Brine says; "Insulation of existing homes is one area where we can make a real difference to the city's environmental impact so I am very excited about this. Local households could expect to see savings of £360 a year on their heating bills. It will also save people money and make homes warmer in winter - helping the elderly and those on fixed incomes in particular."

The Green Deal will open up a new competitive market in energy efficiency services worth at least £2.5 billion a year. The programme will create over 70,000 skilled jobs, including at least 3,500 new 'Green Apprenticeships'.

You can see full details via www.greenwinchester.com

• Green Deal Benefits

- Real savings on energy bills when we need them most
- Helps reduce Winchester's 'carbon footprint'
- Provides new jobs for local people

Look who's @ Jacks Place

Shadow Health Secretary, Andrew Lansley visited Naomi House, in Sutton Scotney recently with Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine.

They toured the original part of the hospice where they chatted with staff and parents and looked round the brand new Jacks Place. See more www.stevebrine.com



News – in – brief

St James' Lane footpath

After the very successful resurfacing of the footpath running from St James Lane to Airlie Road last year the local Conservative Councillors then turned their attention to getting some effective lighting installed. The money has now been found for the work and planning permission has been applied for. City Councillor Ian Tait is celebrating the achievements of his team and has congratulated fellow Cllr Robert Sanders for his sheer persistence and hard work in pushing this issue to such a positive conclusion.

Parking problems in Stanmore

The on-going parking problems in Stanmore show no signs of getting any better and while it is hoped that the new Park and Ride site off junction 11 on the M3 will ease the pressure; residents are clamouring for more solid proposals. Local campaigner and Kings Avenue resident Jamie Scott has asked the Council to look again at the possible solutions. Any proposals would need the support of the University and Jamie has also opened up dialogue with them.

Danger of A33

Kings Worthy Councillor Stan Howell and Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine are consulting residents on possible road layout changes to the A33. Steve (pictured below with Cllr Howell and local resident Serena Read) says; "We are primarily focusing on the junction with Lovedon Lane where too many accidents have already taken place and further down where it meets the turning from the Cart & Horses pub. Do you have a view? Please email campaigns@stevebrine.com or call 01962 762 023.



20 is plenty in Highcliffe

Prospective Conservative MP Steve Brine and local campaigner James Byrnes have been told by many Highcliffe residents that they would like a 20mph limit across the estate and are investigating such a move with Conservative colleagues at the County Council. Do you have a view? Please email campaigns@stevebrine.com or call 01962 762 023.

Andover Road closure

Don't forget (as if you could) that Andover Road will be closed at the railway bridge from 12 April – 12 July. The works are part of Network Rail's massive programme that will move heavy freight off our roads between Southampton and Nuneaton. Steve Brine says; "This has to be done but we must ensure Network Rail stick to their plan, communicate with residents much better than they have in the past and minimise localised damage throughout the work. Reports of perfectly healthy trees being damaged already are not pleasing to hear, I am seeking urgent answers."

Focus on local Fulflood business

Local Conservative campaigner Helen Osborne joined City Council leader George Beckett in meeting local shop owners and staff on Stockbridge Road in Fulflood recently to discuss business in the area. Addressing concerns in these tight economic times, George and Helen discussed possible schemes to support their businesses. They also heard concerns about the standard of the pavements and the general upkeep of the shopping area.



SUPPORTING OLDER PEOPLE IN WINCHESTER

Conservatives have pledged to increase the state pension for all, as part of a series of measures to support pensioners.

David Cameron has made clear a Conservative Government will re-link the value of the state pension to average earnings to ensure it continues to grow in value and to help stop the spread of means testing for pensioners.

Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine says; "To help pensioners struggling to pay their bills, a new Government will work with our local councils to freeze council tax for two years, and will give every home up to £6,500 worth of energy improvements – free

to householders and helping to bring fuel bills down. Our plans for a new home protection scheme will also end the scandal of older people being forced to sell their homes in order to pay for their residential care bills."

Just for the record:

- A Conservative Government will keep the Winter Fuel Allowance & free TV licences for over-75s
- The Conservatives will end the effective obligation to buy an annuity at 75
- A Conservative Government would keep free bus travel for pensioners
- David Cameron will not cut pension credits



Steve Brine (Top) chatting with local residents about Conservative plans and with Shadow Pensions Secretary, Theresa May.

Central housing targets will go!

Conservative-led Winchester City Council has welcomed news that a new Conservative Government will abolish Labour's centrally imposed regional housing targets if elected this Spring.

Council leader George Beckett said the move would put important decisions back in the hands of locally elected representatives and bring decisions closer to those affected. "We have consistently asked Ministers to free Winchester from the straight-jacket of these numbers but it has fallen on deaf ears. I am delighted the Conservatives will do it for them!"

Shadow Communities Secretary Caroline Spelman confirmed she would do away with so-called 'regional spatial strategies' and allow Winchester City Council to re-write its Local Development Framework in the light of such a move.

A Conservative Government will also reclassify back gardens as greenfield sites.

See more www.stevebrine.com/winchesterchallenge



New youth venue gets £20k



Winchester's YMCA has benefited from a £20,000 award from the Conservative-led City Council. The money is to help fund a new state of the art youth venue and café at St John's House in the Broadway.

The YMCA in Winchester, which is one of the oldest in the world, is ploughing more than £300,000 of its own reserves into the project. However, it needs to raise an additional £150,000 to meet the overall cost. The £20,000 from Winchester City Council will help the YMCA on its way to meeting its fundraising target.

Announcing the award, Cllr John Cooper said: "This proposal is going to provide so many opportunities to for young people. What's more, Winchester's young people turned up in numbers at the full Council meeting last April asking for this exact kind of new facility we are thrilled to be able to support it."

School places!

A shortage of primary school places is causing great distress to local parents.



Prospective MP Steve Brine (pictured with Shadow Schools Secretary, Michael Gove MP) has been working with the education authority and parents recently as letters drop through doors ahead of the start of the September 2010 school year.

He says; "As a parent with a young child myself I know how much this matters and a shortage of places at some schools locally is causing real problems. In the short-term, Hampshire needs to address the issue by much better planning and expand schools as they did recently at St Bedes. Longer term I think Conservative plans to open up the system to provide all parents with the sort of choice currently only enjoyed by the wealthy will revolutionise education in our country." Mr Brine also confirmed that a future Conservative Government has NO PLANS to get rid of catchment areas and will DO AWAY with Local Authority lotteries. Read our draft Education Manifesto via www.conservatives.com.

Winchester City Council Elections 6th May 2010

Conservative Winchester City Council up for election!

In 2006, residents elected the Conservatives to run Winchester City Council for the first time in almost 20 years. Council leader George Beckett is proud of his record but says the city needs an even more efficient council going forward. "That means one better able to meet your needs without wasting your money and one that will not increase Council Tax above inflation – and even freeze it. With

our plans for building a productive economy based on knowledge and cultural industries, for protecting the environment, for meeting the real local housing needs and improving services, we have exciting plans to improve still further for the future."



Cllr Richard Worrall - St Barnabas Ward
Cllr Richard Worrall is one of two St Barnabas Conservative City Councillors. Self-employed, he runs a business working for food companies. Richard also saw active service as a Captain in the Royal Engineers.



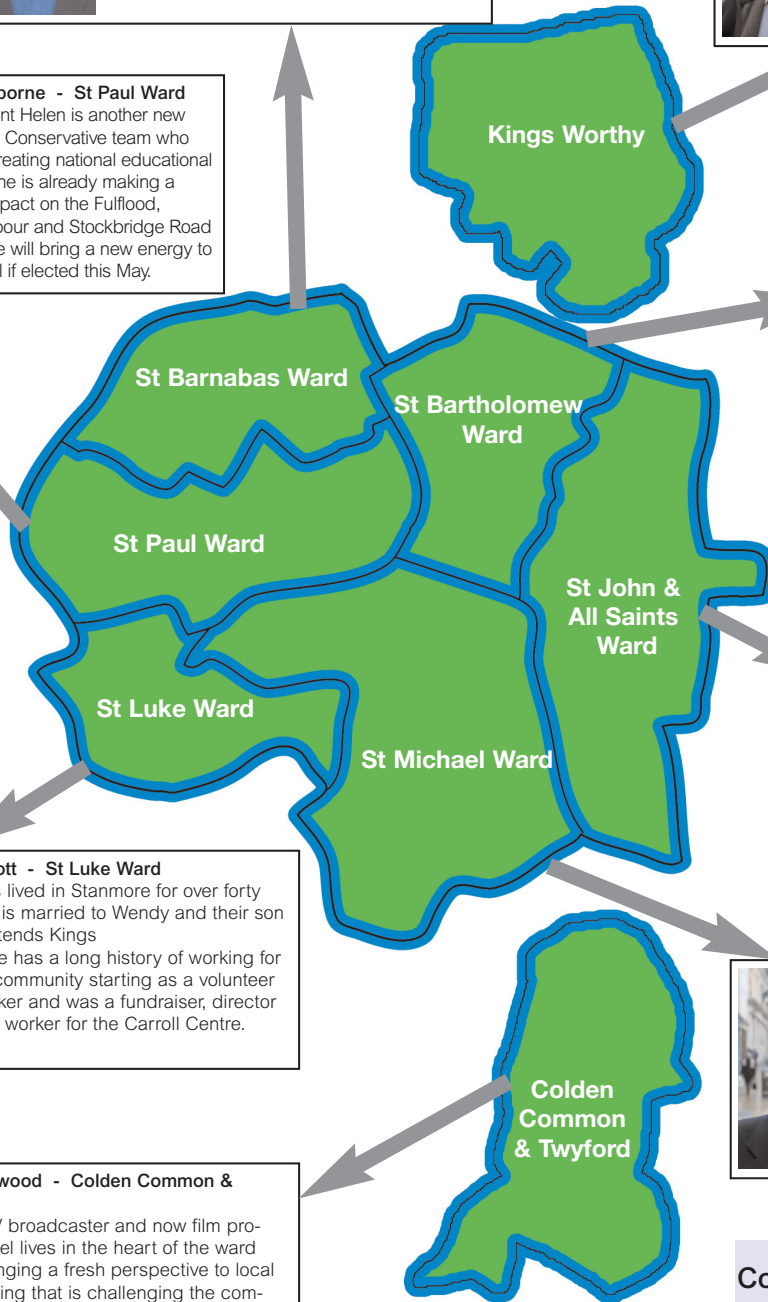
Cllr Stan Howell - Kings Worthy
Experienced councillor Stan Howell is standing for re-election in Kings Worthy and will be putting his proud record before residents. Stan is a tireless campaigner on behalf of local people, standing up for the area in the face of continued development pressure and listening to many traffic concerns raised.



Helen Osborne - St Paul Ward
City resident Helen is another new face to the Conservative team who works in creating national educational policies. She is already making a positive impact on the Fullflood, Orams Arbour and Stockbridge Road areas. She will bring a new energy to the council if elected this May.



Paul Wing - St Bartholomew Ward
Silchester Place resident Paul, who works in the music industry, is already proving a dedicated and honest campaigner across Hyde, Abbots Barton and Park Road communities.



James Byrnes - St John & All Saints Ward
Civil Servant James is proud to be standing for the people of St. Johns. Increased road safety will be one of his top priorities if elected City Councillor this year.



Jamie Scott - St Luke Ward
Jamie has lived in Stanmore for over forty years. He is married to Wendy and their son Nathan attends Kings School. He has a long history of working for the local community starting as a volunteer youth worker and was a fundraiser, director and youth worker for the Carroll Centre.



Cllr Ian Tait - St Michael Ward
Long-standing City Councillor Ian Tait is standing for re-election to his city centre ward which includes the Cathedral area and St Cross. Ian is a committed campaigner on social issues and member of WCC's influential planning committee.



Nigel Burwood - Colden Common & Twyford
Former TV broadcaster and now film producer Nigel lives in the heart of the ward and is bringing a fresh perspective to local campaigning that is challenging the complacency of many years of Lib Dem representation across the two villages.

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We can't go on like this. Vote for change.

We can't go on like this. Vote for change and:

1) Change the economy. Back aspiration and opportunity for all. Gordon Brown's debt, waste and taxes are holding us back and threatening the recovery with higher interest rates. We need action now to cut the deficit, help keep mortgage rates low and get the economy moving.

2) Change society. Mend our broken society by encouraging responsibility and backing those who do the right thing. Make Britain the most family-friendly country in Europe. Back the NHS, which matters more to families than anything. Reform education, with new schools - and standards and discipline for all. Tackle welfare dependency and the causes of poverty.

3) Change politics. Give people more power and control. Sort out the mess of MPs' expenses, cut Parliament, Whitehall and the cost of politics. Make politics more local, more transparent, more accountable.

David Cameron



1 Act now on debt to get the economy moving
Deal with the deficit more quickly than Labour so that mortgage rates stay lower for longer with the Conservatives.

2 Get Britain working by boosting enterprise
Cut corporation tax rates, abolish taxes on the first ten jobs created by new businesses, promote green jobs, and get people off welfare and into work.

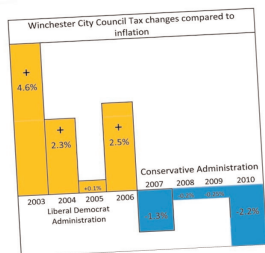
3 Make Britain the most family-friendly country in Europe
Freeze council tax and raise the basic state pension, recognise marriage in the tax system and back couples in the benefits system, support young families with extra health visitors, and fight back against crime.

4 Back the NHS
Increase spending on health every year, and make the NHS work for patients not managers.

5 Raise standards in schools
Give teachers the power to restore discipline, and create new smaller schools.

6 Change politics
Reduce the number of MPs, cut Whitehall and quangos by a third, and let taxpayers see where their money is being spent.

Promises kept on council tax ... and more to come if change of Government



Conservative-run Winchester City Council has kept council tax increases below the rate of inflation as it promised, despite massive underfunding from Government. Each year since Conservatives took control, the authority has run service reviews to find ways to improve the services that you receive and reduce the cost.

Furthermore, the City Council and Hampshire County Council have undertaken to work with an incoming Conservative Government to freeze council tax for two years through fully costed matched funding from the Treasury. Combined with the party's pledge to scrap Labour's proposed property revaluation, which would have meant many properties moving into a higher council tax band, this could save a typical Winchester household up to £500 a year.

Prospective MP Steve Brine

- * A local family man committed to Winchester
- * Protecting the local NHS is Steve's top priority
- * A vote for Steve is the only way to remove Gordon Brown



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