

CHANDLER'S FORD POST

For Winchester and surrounding villages, including Chandler's Ford

20-20 vision for Chandler's Ford

Unique blueprint peers into the future

A NEW blueprint is being drawn up for Chandler's Ford to chart the way ahead in key areas such as local health, transport, planning, safety and the environment.

The Developing 20-20 vision aims to capture the 'wishes and needs' of local people and 'prioritise' resources to help meet them and should be finalised by the end of this year.

CONSULTATION

Chandler's Ford Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, Steve Brine, is right behind the initiative and is busy discussing the ideas currently out for public consultation with local councillors. He told *The Chandler's Ford Post*, "20-20 will provide an invaluable reference point, and while many of the key issues relate to national concerns around an ageing population, anti-social behaviour, pressures of new development and sustainable transport links, they are all placed in a local context to help drive change here on the ground.

RISING POPULATION

"Without doubt one of the main challenges we face is the demand for new homes to meet a rising population and the lack of land available for development. Our 20-20 vision in this area must be to do our bit here in Chandler's Ford but to vigorously enforce - and extend - the special character areas as contained in the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Character Plan, adopted when Conservative councillors controlled the Local Area Committee." (See also 'Garden grab madness' on page two.)

HEALTH CHALLENGES

Steve Brine also cites health challenges as key to the future of this part of the Borough, specifically care for the elderly and tackling substance abuse among children and young people. He says, "We have an enormous challenge facing us on the horizon over the issue of adult social care services and I

already work closely with Hampshire County Council who continue to make it a priority within tight budget constraints. However, it is the issue of our young people, and the kind of future we lay down for them, which is a key part of what the 20-20 vision is all about. After all, they will be the teachers, councillors, businesspeople and tax paying residents of the future."



Chandler's Ford Parliamentary Candidate, Steve Brine, recently spent time talking to youngsters at Hiltingbury Recreation Ground about their hopes for the future. See more on page two.

The next **PUBLIC EXHIBITION** of the 20-20 vision work in progress is being held in the **Dovetail Centre on 12th September**. More information can be found at www.stevebrine.com/campaigns

A little sanctuary

Keep it LOCAL winner revealed!



Melody Ann Buckland receiving her 'Keep it LOCAL' trophy from Steve Brine surrounded by a shop full of loyal customers. You can find Little Sanctuary opposite the Theatre Royal on Jewry Street or online via www.littlesanctuary.co.uk

IN the last edition of The Chandler's Ford Post, we launched a search to find our favourite local business.

The aim was to find the best local shop, service or business across Winchester and Chandler's Ford as part of the *Use Them or Lose Them* appeal.

Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Chandler's Ford, Steve Brine, told *The Post* that his intention was to support the many long-established independent shops that are a feature of this area.

Hundreds of entries were sent in and *Little Sanctuary* emerged as the public choice. Awarding the first 'Keep it LOCAL' trophy to the owner of the 'spiritual coffee shop and boutique', Steve Brine said; "I have been blown away by the number of nominations we received for this competition. There are obviously a lot of people here who agree that we have to support these independent shops and business if we want them to survive and remain part of what makes this such a special place to live, visit and work.

"In the end it came down to D&G Hardware and Little Sanctuary but the Sanctuary team just edged it. There were also a number of entries for the excellent Fryern Bookshop in Fryern Arcade. Little Sanctuary is exactly the sort of unique independent business that needs to thrive if we are to avoid the fate of so many towns and cities and become solely a parade of national chains. Judging by the emails I received in nominating Little Sanctuary, they obviously have some extremely loyal customers; they are worthy winners of the 'Keep it LOCAL' trophy".



All those sending entries to the competition were entered into a prize draw to win a bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne. Julia Sandison from Oram's Arbour in Central Winchester was the lucky winner - Julia nominated runner-up D&G Hardware in St. George's Street, Winchester.

Garden grab madness

Steve Brine fights for new legislation to protect the character of our neighbourhoods



Steve Brine with leader of the Conservatives at Eastleigh Borough Council, Cllr Godfrey Olson, at the new Midhurst Court site in Chalvington Road where two properties and a swathe of gardens have made way for no fewer than 11 three and five bed houses.

IT'S one of the biggest issues facing Chandler's Ford today - often turning neighbour against neighbour and changing the face of our communities forever.

The whole issue of planning and development continues to cause friction as the demand for new housing comes up against the need to protect the homes we already have.

That is why the man aiming to become the next MP for the new constituency of Winchester & Chandler's Ford is backing a change in the law that could help protect local neighbourhoods from overdevelopment.

Steve Brine is leading local calls to outlaw so-called "garden grabbing" - the practice where property developers snap up family houses with gardens, knock them down and replace them with often dense apartment blocks on the same plot.

The Prospective MP told *The Chandler's Ford Post*, "You would be hard pressed to look at a copy

of *The Hampshire Chronicle* or *ECHO* from any of the past five years and see no reference to a contentious new development.

"I am absolutely not saying we don't need new homes and we should freeze Chandler's Ford in some damaging time warp but we must protect the character of our neighbourhoods from being fundamentally changed in an unplanned and unsustainable way - with no concern for the environment or the lack of infrastructure."

Steve Brine is working with Conservative Team at the Department for Local Government & Communities, on a new law to protect gardens and urban green space by changing the definition of gardens back from brownfield to greenfield sites. The 'Protection of Private Gardens Bill' would also

give greater discretion to local communities via their elected local councils to set the right level of housing density for new developments.

Steve adds, "I get so many emails on this subject from people really angry at the way their neighbourhoods are changing and all too often they feel totally powerless. I am proud the Conservative members of the 'Local Area Committee' voted against this development which is a classic example of garden grab overdevelopment. We need a local council in Eastleigh that is prepared to use what little discretion they have to resist some of the most inappropriate developments but we also need to recognise we will never win them all and we cannot pretend local council's are able to ignore the law as set down by Government. We require a change in the law (from London) as well as a strong planning department in Eastleigh."

"He even wrote it all down"

PROSPECTIVE Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine, recently spent time chatting with youngsters in Hiltingbury - to see how they view the present ... and to ask about their aspirations for the future.

Steve says, "I was struck by their enthusiasm for the future and their energy for everything - including talking to me on a Monday afternoon in the middle of their school holidays!

But above all, I was amazed by the sheer level of surprise from them that someone had actually taken the time to talk to them and ask them what they think. They were bursting with ideas to make their spare time better; from a zip wire and a bigger 'vert ramp' for the boarders to use - to basic access to toilet facilities and a mobile snack bar at the recreation ground. At one point I started writing down what they were saying and they were amazed; 'you really are listening to us' they said. Well, I did write it all down and I was really listening and I will not forget our conversation."

Are you a young person living in Chandler's Ford or Hiltingbury? Email Steve Brine and tell him what you think about facilities and things to do in your neighbourhood steve@stevebrine.com or send a text to 07747 784 232.



The Central Precinct - where next?

A MAJOR redevelopment is on the cards for the Central Precinct in Chandler's Ford.

But while few would argue about the need for improvements to the site, which fronts onto the junction of Winchester Road and Hursley Road, there are many views as to what should finally happen.

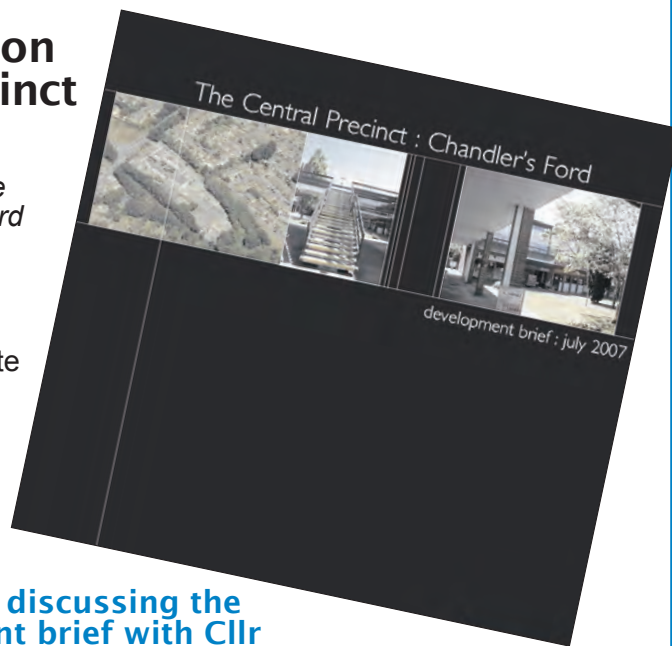
The site, which is currently made up of a local shopping precinct with residential flats above, also contains the Chandler's Ford Central Club and Institute. In recent years a number of businesses based within the shopping area have closed and they remain boarded up.

Chandler's Ford Parliamentary Candidate, **Steve Brine**, recently visited the site to see for himself the scale of the task facing any future redevelopment and discussed the options with leader of Eastleigh Conservative Group, Councillor Godfrey Olson.

Steve says, "The precinct is clearly in trouble and the empty units don't give it the feel of a place on the up, I am concerned for the businesses that remain and for the people living above. It is very run down and we obviously need to face the future with almost a blank piece of paper."

"The council development brief is clear that any change should be subject to consultation with the public, so I would ask

readers of *The Chandler's Ford Post* take a moment to complete the form below or visit my website to give their view on what the future might hold."



Steve Brine discussing the development brief with Cllr Godfrey Olson



Moment of truth for Europe – and Gordon

Conservatives publish EU Treaty in plain English and demand referendum

IT seems as if everyone now concedes the new EU Treaty is just the old rejected EU Constitution under another name – well almost everyone.

The UK government is still refusing to grant local people a vote on the issue even though detailed examination undertaken by Shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague shows that, just as the EU Constitution would have done, the Treaty would mean a major shift of powers from Britain to the EU, in particular over foreign policy and our criminal justice system.

Chandler's Ford Parliamentary Candidate, Steve Brine, is quite clear what needs to be done, "It has now been revealed by key EU figures that this new Treaty was deliberately made as hard to understand as possible to help Gordon Brown wriggle out of his own manifesto promise of a referendum. We demand a say on this issue before our country is buried!"



He adds, "This is not me 'banging on about Europe', since I became our candidate for Parliament late last year, I have relentlessly focused on our National Health Service, the threat to our Post Offices and the challenge we all face from climate change among other things. I want to be the Member of Parliament for Winchester & Chandler's Ford so I can affect change on some of these key issues and that will not be possible if Westminster becomes a sub-branch of Brussels - they are interconnected issues. It is time for the people to have their say."

New powers to restore classroom discipline

David Cameron has outlined new powers for school head teachers to restore classroom discipline and impose proper codes of behaviour. The Conservative leader outlined a series of measures to restore respect among hard-to-teach children. The action plan includes an end to appeals panels overruling expulsions, second-guessing head teachers' decisions to exclude pupils and stopping the closure of Special Schools, which provide expert teaching for those with learning difficulties.

Inheritance tax axe

A major Conservative policy review has outlined plans to free EVERY home from inheritance tax which hits 40,000 grieving families every year. The move will be welcomed by millions of local people who fear they will have to pay the tax because of rising house prices; death duty is currently levied at 40 per cent if someone leaves an estate worth more than £300,000. The reforms will exempt a dead person's main home from the duty and bring in a revamped capital gains tax on second homes, shares and goods. The Shadow Chancellor, George Osborne, said the tax had become "increasingly unfair" and promised any change would be fully costed to ensure the party puts economic stability before tax cuts.

Forces' Families Manifesto

The Conservatives have signalled their intention to publish a dedicated manifesto for the families of those in the British armed forces. David Cameron has appointed a dedicated Armed Forces Families Minister who will be looking at the housing they live in, the schools they send their children to and the health services they receive.

Mr Cameron told *The Chandler's Ford Post*, "Our Armed forces are a great source of pride for everyone in Britain. They do a fantastic job and I want to make sure that we do everything to help their families back at home and we look at all the aspects of their lives and look at what we can do to ensure that we support these people who do so much for us. We will then draw all of this together in a Forces' Families Manifesto."

The Central Precinct, Chandler's Ford FUTURE VIEWS

Go to: www.stevebrine.com/campaigns
and send your views via email or cut this out and return to:
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I would like to see the following within the redeveloped Central precinct in Chandler's Ford (please tick box(es):

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| A GP surgery <input type="checkbox"/> | Social club <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New shops <input type="checkbox"/> | Public conveniences <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A children's play area <input type="checkbox"/> | Health/Fitness club <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recycling space <input type="checkbox"/> | Bars/Restaurants <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public/Resident parking areas <input type="checkbox"/> | Public transport pick up/drop off points <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Groundbreaking start for new outdoor sports centre



The re-development of the sports grounds will include an Olympic standard 400m eight-lane athletics track with supporting field events, an all-weather hockey and general sports pitch, floodlighting and an extended pavilion.

CONSTRUCTION of the University of Winchester's sports centre at Bar End in Winchester is officially underway as Vice Chancellor Professor Joy Carter along with representatives from Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council put ceremonial spades into the ground.

Professor Carter welcomed a crowd eagerly awaiting the new facilities, including Winchester District Athletics Club who enthusiastically helped 'back the track' with a pledge of £22,000.

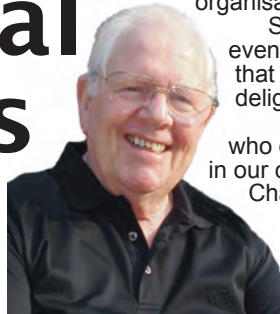
"The University is delighted to be leading this important partnership which will make a step change in sporting facilities," said Professor Carter. "We are particularly grateful of our prime financial partners, Winchester City Council and Sport England and also deeply appreciate the contributions of Hampshire County Council and Winchester District Athletics Club. We look forward to watching the work progress and to the opening in 2008."

The University of Winchester is leading the project with Winchester City Council. The Centre will provide first-class outdoor facilities for students and the entire Winchester community with schools, youth clubs and sports clubs already looking forward to the completion.

Chandler's Ford Parliamentary Candidate, **Steve Brine**, added, "This sports centre will be a tremendous asset for the entire area. There is a very real possibility some of Great Britain's 2012 Gold medalists will be training here over the next five years. Thanks to the vision of the University and Conservative-led, Winchester City Council, we will have a world class facility this time next year."

A helping hand for local communities

Chandler's Ford, County Councillor Colin Davidovitz



CONSERVATIVE-led Hampshire County Council wants to help local communities who are short of cash.

Chandler's Ford County Councillor, Colin Davidovitz, wants to hear from people who run community organisations for local residents and need a helping hand to achieve their aims.

Sometimes, it might be for a few hundred pounds for a new printer or more to replace a worn out cooker or even, over a thousand pounds to do some essential building work. Colin told The Chandler's Ford Post; "I know that even a small cash injection can make a big difference. So please get in touch with me and I would be delighted to tell you how you can apply."

Chandler's Ford Parliamentary Candidate, Steve Brine, added; "This is a really positive story from the county who obviously recognise what Conservatives nationally have been saying for some time now – that real change in our communities comes from within. If this money can go some way to help community organisations in Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury do even more for the local area, it can only be a good thing."

Contact **Colin Davidovitz** at **55, Kingsway, Chandler's Ford, SO53 1FH** or email colin.dav@hants.gov.uk for a bid form.

We will cover some of the lucky organisations in the next edition of The Chandler's Ford Post.

Chandler's Ford Conservatives JOIN THE WINNING TEAM

Everyone's talking about the Conservatives again across Winchester and Chandler's Ford. If you can help us we would be delighted to hear from you. Please take a moment to complete this form and return it to the address below or save the stamp by going to www.stevebrine.com and choosing the 'Contact' option.

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IN PROFILE – constituency and candidate

Major changes to the parliamentary constituencies of Hampshire mean Chandler's Ford will have a new Member of Parliament after the next General Election - as part of the new "Winchester constituency". This area remains in the Eastleigh Borough Council area (and it is there you will continue to pay council tax) but when it comes to electing a new MP, Chandler's Ford will join up with the City of Winchester and neighbouring villages such as Compton and Hursley.



Family man - Steve and Susie taking a quick break away from the campaign trail this Summer

Conservative candidate: *Steve Brine*

Married: *To Susie*

Lives: *Near Alresford*

Life outside politics?: *You bet! Director of a golf marketing specialist*

Passion: *My family, friends and Popcorn (the Labrador)*

Political passion: *The NHS*

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