



Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

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MP LEADS NATIONAL HEALTH PUSH

Child obesity crisis, new cancer plan and maternity safety all in range.



Steve brought the Premier League trophy to our area this year as part of the hugely successful Primary Stars programme.

Chandler's Ford MP is working at the heart of Government tackling some of the biggest issues facing our NHS.

Steve Brine, who is currently the Public Health Minister, published a world-leading plan to address **childhood obesity** this Summer.

He says; "The effects of obesity have a profound impact on a child's opportunities in life. It compromises both physical and mental health, adds to bullying and, because they are more likely to become obese adults, they will have a higher chance of developing cancer and type 2 diabetes. We have to act."

The plan includes measures to address the promotion of unhealthy food and drinks to children, new information to help parents make informed decisions when shopping and a new national ambition for all primary schools to adopt an 'active mile'.

Our MP is also leading a **new ambition to tackle cancer**. As part of the long term plan for the NHS, backed by new investment which will provide **an extra £20.5bn a year**, a package of measures will be rolled out with the aim of seeing three quarters of all cancers detected at an early stage by 2028.

Furthermore, Steve is working on a new **Maternity Transformation Programme** which will give the majority of women care from the **same NHS midwife** throughout their pregnancy, labour and birth. And Steve is backing an NCT campaign wanting to see routine six week perinatal checks for new mums via their GP.

And finally, Steve is leading a consultation which proposes a ban on the sale of **energy drinks** to children.

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- **New national ambition to halve childhood obesity by 2030**
- **Long term plan for NHS to see step change in cancer survival**
- **Largest ever investment in NHS midwives and maternity support staff**
- **Clear message that energy drinks not appropriate for children**

TOP AWARD FOR CHANDLER'S FORD

Congratulations to everyone in Chandler's Ford after we picked up the prestigious 'Village of the Year' gong at a special ceremony this Autumn.

The awards, organised by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils in association with Fullers, are highly sought and local representatives from Chandler's Ford Parish Council were present to pick up the prize.

Runners-up awards were also received for 'Best Open Spaces', 'Best Community Event' (for the Fryern Funtasia; see also page three), and 'Excellence in Localism'.

Steve Brine told The Chandler's Ford Post; "This is a great achievement, not just for the Parish Council and its team, but for so many residents and volunteers who give their time and effort toward delivering a power of community action and spirit which is second to none.

"The parish council was only established in 2010, so I pay particular tribute to Cllr Margaret Atkinson who led the council until May 2018 with a vision of 'Pride in Chandler's Ford' to turn aspirations into reality for the community, often in the face of significant opposition.

"My hope is that the newly elected Parish Council will continue the good work and build on the legacy of the previous Conservative-led administration".

Steve also paid tribute to tireless community champion, Cllr Michael Hughes who represents Hiltingbury, who received a special award as an 'Inspirational Individual' for his work locally.



Above; Cllr Margaret Atkinson, Cllr Daniel Newcombe and Cllr Mike Hughes among those at the awards night and, inset, the Chandler's Ford booty!

NEWS IN BRIEF

TACKLING DELAYS IN PAYMENTS TO SME'S

Ministers have announced steps to crack down on unjustified delays in payments to small businesses.

Government will lead by example, increasing its five day payment rule to 90 per cent of all invoices, boost the powers of the Small Businesses Commissioner and look afresh into unfair payments practices alongside what further steps the government could take to tackle late payments.

Steve Brine MP comments; "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy but the late payments of invoices is still an issue for many and it's certainly been raised with me locally."

GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Steve Brine opened the inaugural Global Mental Health Ministerial Summit in London last month, supported by the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge.



The event, which brought Ministers from over 40 countries together with policy officials and nearly 300 delegates, provided the platform for the Lancet Commission on Global Mental Health to launch their landmark report on the issue.

Opening the summit, Steve said; "This Summit is a bold experiment to bring together the mental health sector with political leaders so we lift the lid on mental health. For us to really make advances, all people in all countries need to be open and transparent about the road ahead and we need to talk to one another."

www.stevebrine.com/GlobalMHsummit

HPV VACCINE - FOR BOYS

Our MP announced in July that boys aged between 12 and 13 in England will be given a vaccine to protect them against HPV-related cancers.

Steve Brine's decision follows new scientific evidence and advice from an independent panel of experts. The vaccine not only protects men from HPV-related diseases but also helps reduce the overall number of cervical cancers in women.

WATCH PMQs

Steve Brine has once again thrown open his allocation of tickets to constituents via ballot and is inviting entries for Wednesday 5th December 2018. Enter at

www.stevebrine.com/PMQs



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Clearly things move fast in the Brexit negotiations so Steve's special pages online are a great place to stay updated on the very latest from our MP.

He tells The Chandler's Ford Post; "Everyone knows I voted Remain but it's time to move forward together and be positive about the future. The 2016 referendum was a close run thing and, as a result, the country is still very divided.

"My strong view is that no-one voted to be poorer so I will support a deal that respects the result but, first and foremost, does no harm by putting practical reality for our economy and our country over theoretical dreamy ideology."

STEVE AT G20

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine represented the UK at the G20 meeting of Health Ministers in Argentina this Autumn.



Travelling in his role as Public Health Minister to the seaside city of Mar Del Plata, Steve addressed the summit on childhood obesity, strengthening health systems and the UK delegation led a simulation exercise on the challenge posed by AMR (anti-microbial resistance). www.stevebrine.com/G20

TIME IS NOW FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS

Steve Brine has welcomed news that specialist clinicians will now be able to legally prescribe cannabis-derived medicinal products.

He said it was 'absolutely right' that the Home Secretary has decided to reschedule these products after receiving advice from experts during the two-part review he commissioned in June. It means that senior clinicians will be able to prescribe the medicines to patients with an exceptional clinical need.



Steve says; "Recent cases involving sick children made it clear to many of us in Government that our position on cannabis-related medicinal products was not satisfactory. This move will help patients with an exceptional clinical need, but is in no way a first step to the legalisation of cannabis for recreational use."

IT'S OK - STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH



The Government has set out ambitious plans for a new deal on student mental health. Mental health problems among young people are a significant issue today and more UK students than ever before are presenting

with mental health conditions.

A university Mental Health Charter, backed by the Government and led by the sector, will drive up standards in promoting student and staff mental health and wellbeing, and there will be a Department for Education-led review into issues students face when going to university.

Steve Brine said: "This is an important issue and we want to make sure that it is a top priority for the leadership of all our universities. I know many of my constituents, with children and grandchildren starting at university this Autumn, will welcome the charter."

www.stevebrine.com/studentmentalhealth

A NEW GENERATION OF COUNCIL HOMES

Winchester City Council is already building new council homes via its New Homes Programme with ambitious plans to build 600 homes by 2020.

The Conservative run authority will now be able to go further after lobbying from Leader Cllr Caroline Horrill and local MP Steve Brine convinced Ministers to remove the cap placed on local council Housing Revenue Accounts, which prevents them from using their asset base to borrow to build more homes. Cllr Horrill told The Chandler's Ford Post;

"The need for affordable housing across the Winchester district has never been greater and the borrowing cap has been a massive constraint on the council's ability to build so this is a very welcome change."

www.winchester.gov.uk/projects



BIG PEDAL AT MERDON

Steve Brine visited Merdon Junior School in Chandler's Ford as he took part in the Big Pedal, the UK's largest cycling and scooting challenge, in a bid to raise awareness of the nation's air quality crisis.

Organised by walking and cycling charity Sustrans, participating primary and secondary schools compete with each other to make the most journeys by bike or scooter.

This year more than 15 schools took part across the Southampton and Chandler's Ford area in the Big Pedal which aimed to get more young people cycling and scooting to school.



This trickster's willing assistant Steve Brine takes it lying down!

Steve Brine said: "I was delighted to be a part of this year's Big Pedal. Initiatives such as this which encourage children to be more active while raising awareness of the very real dangers of air pollution are welcome.

"It is important that people are made aware that how they choose to travel will affect their health and the environment and are better able to make informed decisions which benefit the whole community."

Watch the video featuring our MP underneath the ramp - www.stevebrine.com/merdon

GOOD NEIGHBOURS @ FUNTASIA



Over 4000 people flocked to a blazing hot Fryern Rec back in the spring for the busiest Fryern Funtasia yet.



Steve with Pam Beecroft from Good Neighbours.

The annual community fun day is now a firm tradition on Bank Holiday Monday, with stalls, games and attractions for all the family, and Steve Brine took his family along to the popular event.

Among a range of activities were trampolining and an inflatable Laserquest, with a number of animals and performances.

Steve said: "Once again we had a wonderful time and congratulations to the organisers for a record year. The ice cream vans were doing roaring trade in the heat!"

www.facebook.com/chandlersfordgoodneighbours

BUSINESS RATES CHALLENGE

A leading Winchester City Councillor has joined MP Steve Brine in calling for root and branch reform of the business rates system.

Cllr Guy Ashton, who holds the Portfolio for Finance at Winchester City Council, crunched some numbers this summer and found that, while a dozen of the 300 shops in the city centre are vacant, the vacancy rate is actually decreasing and is four times lower than the national average.

Guy told The Chandler's Ford Post; "We sometimes hear blame for a changing retail environment laid at the door of WCC around rent and rates but this doesn't stack up. Government sets the rate and private landlords - including charities we may support, private individuals and pension funds - set rent. And behind every retail closure there's an individual story that explains what happened.

"For policy makers in Government, it's the trend they must spot and, where possible, act upon. The recent rates revaluation has hit



Guy Ashton out chatting with local businesses at the Kingsgate this Summer.

many but, of course, reflects the prosperity of Winchester and that's a double-edged sword. It was also long overdue and that must change which is why we support plans to move to more regular revaluations because we cannot have cliff edge spikes like 2017 ever again."

Winchester operates a discretionary relief scheme which local MP Steve Brine lobbied Ministers to introduce, but Guy adds; "We both remain firmly of the view that the fundamentals of business rates need to change and a level playing field with online would be a good place to start."

FARMING MINISTER COMES TO TOWN

Local MP Steve Brine brought the Farming Minister to meet NFU members recently.

Steve had promised to give local farmers and landowners a chance to speak directly with George

Eustice MP and around 40 members asked questions covering a number of different sectors of the local farming community, ranging from diversification and beak trimming to Bovine TB as well as issues relating

to a new domestic farming policy post-Brexit.

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Steve Brine's Summer Tour returned during Parliament's recess in August and September and this year it was bigger than ever. The team visited communities right across the area, from Oliver's Battery to Kings Barton.



Local campaigner and Parish Councillor Tracey Anderson, brought Steve Brine to Kings Barton this Summer for the first ever street surgery on the new estate.



A busy 'supermarket surgery' saw Steve speak to shoppers for a good couple of hours at Tesco in Winnall. Special thanks to the team for hosting and for letting Steve use the in-store public address system!



Steve's Summer Tour dropped into the Fryern Arcade for a busy two hours chatting to shoppers and local residents. He was joined by a team of local Borough councillors.



Steve - and friends - joined popular councillor Eileen Berry in the heart of her St Barnabas ward as they met local residents outside the Stoney Lane shops in Weeke.



FOCUS ON RAIL SERVICE

Following what he described as a very poor start to the South Western Railway franchise last year, Steve has joined a new cross-party group in Parliament to address the issues affecting local commuters.

The APPG Wessex Rail recently heard from Sir Michael Holden, who carried out a review into SWR's franchise from a performance perspective, and came up with a number of recommendations for improvement.

Steve said: "I have many years behind me campaigning on these issues, and I am acutely aware of, and very much share as a commuter myself, the frustration right now.

"I am also acutely aware of the issues around the Carnet, which is not exactly what many of us had in mind when it came to the trailed part-time season ticket. I can certainly promise constituents I will carry on taking up grievances via casework but also engaging with SWR, Network Rail and Ministers because we have to work with them all in pursuit of a better rail service." www.stevebrine.com/trains



Steve Brine with fellow Hampshire MPs and Michael Holden at the Wessex Rail group.

NIGHTSHELTER HITS 30!

Winchester Churches Night Shelter celebrated its 30th birthday this September at a special event in the city.

The charity's aim is to enable people to rebuild their lives and escape homelessness for good, and they have been well-supported by Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council.

Steve Brine, who attended the event, said; "Thirty years is a huge achievement for this charity which so many of us support locally. I look forward to working with Michele and the many volunteers as the Nightshelter goes from strength to strength."



Mayor Cllr Frank Pearson joined the birthday party in Milner Hall.

ONE COMMUNITY AWARD

One Community in Eastleigh - which serves all of Chandler's Ford - has received the highest accolade for voluntary groups in the UK, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The 2018 awards were announced back in June, following a rigorous process of assessment and selection.

Steve Brine said: "I am very proud that One Community has won this fantastic award, which is testament to the work of Sri Kandiah, Jean Roberts-Jones and their whole team."

www.1community.org.uk

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2018/19

Thousands of new students arrived in Winchester this September and Steve Brine dropped into Fresher's Fayre as a guest of the Winchester Student Conservative Society - the largest political society at the University.

He spent a few hours chatting with new students about politics, life in the city and getting involved with the Conservative society as well as meeting many of the other stallholders and societies. The MP said:

"This was my 11th Fresher's Fayre and I never want to miss it because it's such a lively and vibrant event. I was an SU President myself and have a lot of time for what societies can offer while you're at university."



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HEALTH TRUST NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

Steve Brine has said staff at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital need support after a critical CQC report was published this September.



The trust is now rated "Requires Improvement" overall. For caring the trust was rated "Good" but for safety, effectiveness, responsiveness and well led it was told there is much work to do. Speaking to local TV, the MP said; "This CQC report is worrying but I don't think it comes as a huge surprise because of the pressures our emergency department has been under and the ageing building it inhabits. I have already met with the Chief Executive to hear the work they've done since the inspection back in June and how they plan to use the £4.06m the Department of Health has just given the Trust for capital investment."

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SMOOTH SCHOOL RUN IN HILTINGBURY

Parents and families of children at Hiltingbury schools will be delighted to know that the footpath along the northern boundary of Hiltingbury Rec is coming soon.



Cllr Judith Grajewski told the Chandler's Ford Post: "This is great news. Hampshire County Council is investing £50,000 toward this work with the balance coming from the parish council. I know this will be well-used and greatly appreciated by all."

60 YEARS OF ELDERFIELD

Steve Brine and Cllr Jan Warwick helped celebrate Elderfield's 60th birthday this September. Elderfield, in Otterbourne, is run by the Langley House Trust which helps ex-offenders, prisoners, and those at risk of offending to live crime-free. The Trust was formed in 1958 by a group of Christians spurred by passion, commitment and a desire to see the lives of offenders changed for the better.

Steve says; "The residents have all made mistakes but no-one is beyond hope or help in my view and with one of the lowest reconviction rates in the country - under 3% whilst people are in Langley housing - facilities such as Elderfield are making communities safer across the country."

www.stevebrine.com/elderfield

LOCAL SCOUTS OFF TO JAMBOREE

Steve Brine MP is backing a group of Chandler's Ford Scouts as they look to join the largest Scouting event in history.

In 2019, 50,000 young people from over 160 nations will gather at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, in West Virginia, to celebrate the 24th World Scout Jamboree. It will be the largest such event ever staged, and eleven of their number are set to come from Chandler's Ford if they reach their fundraising targets.

www.stevebrine.com/CFscouts

BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 'DEBACLE' CONTINUED

Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine, and Cllr Judith Grajewski have been working to challenge Eastleigh Borough Council's Local Plan which threatens to dump a large number of houses on the border between Eastleigh and Winchester - with big impact on residents across Chandler's Ford & Hiltingbury.

Cllr Judith Grajewski says; "Whilst I recognise that Eastleigh needs to be build more new homes for future generations, I've never been convinced that we need to build so many.

"Newly released figures from the Office of National Statistics in September indicate that the rate of new household formation in Eastleigh and across the country is likely to be much lower than forecast 2 years ago. Whilst this figure is only one consideration in coming up with the number of new homes needed, it leads me to believe that the plan to build 729 new homes in the borough, every year to 2036, may have over-estimated need.

"Careful consideration must be given to the latest figures before we turn our green fields into housing estates and our local roads into car parks".

Steve Brine added; "Already thrown out once by the Inspector and with fresh challenges ahead, the whole thing is a debacle which is an embarrassment to the area, especially when you consider Conservative run Winchester just a few miles up the road has had a signed off Local Plan for years."



Cllr Judith Grajewski and Steve Brine chat with residents at Fryern and, inset, Hursley Road bathed in Autumn sunshine last month.



LOCAL DIABETES SUPPORT IS STRONG

The Winchester & Eastleigh Diabetes Support Group works through group meetings, designed to provide individuals with a safe, social forum to discuss diabetes and its effects.



Steve on his feet at the group meeting in October and in Tesco with members.

Local MP Steve Brine, who has the responsibility for long-term conditions in his role as Public Health Minister, works with the group and recently spoke about policy in this area and future plans. He attended a Friday evening meeting in Winchester where he took questions on obesity, access to services and interaction with GPs.

The group also try to raise money to promote awareness of diabetes and recently held a joint event with Tesco as part of their #MillionSteps challenge.

VINEYARD CHURCH

The Storehouse at Winchester Vineyard Church provides clothing and equipment, as well as food bags and toiletries, for approximately 450 families every year. In addition, they distribute fresh supermarket food to hospices, refuges and individuals.



Following recent refurbishment at the church, The Storehouse has moved in to a brand new and expanded space and re-launched with the help of MP Steve Brine, who expressed his thanks to the many volunteers. www.winvin.org.uk

MEET UP WITH LOCAL STROKE GROUP

Steve Brine caught up with Chandler's Ford Stroke Support Group at Funtasia earlier this year and then gave them a mention in the House of Commons!

The group, which meets monthly, welcomes people affected by stroke from the Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh areas. As well as providing social and recreational activities, communication support is offered for people with aphasia and other communication disabilities caused by stroke, and physical exercises to help with rehabilitation.



Steve with group volunteers Liam Stapleton and Tony Smith.

www.stroke.org.uk/chandlers-ford-stroke-support-group

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