

# Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

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# DON'T GIVE UP ON HOSPITAL SAYS MP

**As the debate around future services comes to a head, Steve Brine issues a stark warning.**

Six options for delivering future hospital services are being considered by the NHS as part of the Hampshire Together programme.

All bring major change to the RHCH in Winchester and Trust leaders say they will be formally consulted upon in 2021.

Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine, is closely engaged with the proposals and says; "Over the past decade I have worked hard to understand the local NHS and support what is in our best interests in line with clinical advice.

"As the old Winchester & Eastleigh Trust came together with Basingstoke, compromises were required – around the centralisation of services – when it came to urgent stroke care and acute orthopaedics.

"There's no question the Trust now faces further pressure, around neonatal care and A&E, but I've always said Hampshire Together, because it is part of the "40 new hospitals", is primarily about replacing Basingstoke Hospital and that is now clear.

"But, as I promised at the election, it will also see "significant investment" at the RHCH and I am clear



Our MP on his feet in the House of Commons and, inset, the RHCH as it is today.

Winchester needs a District General Hospital with an emergency department and consultant-led maternity services.

"I know that's challenging but I urge the Trust to keep an open mind and not to give up on Winchester Hospital.

"Any hospital is a delicate eco-system and the services it

has are highly dependent on each other. Some change is manageable but, if the Trust plan much more, they should be honest with residents around what we gain and what will be taken away. It is up to the clinicians now to make their case."

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The Parliamentary timetable continues to be dominated by Covid-19 and I continue to use my experience as a former Minister to press the Government on the health – as well as economic – response. Through my work on the DCMS Select Committee, and in the wider House, I continue to argue for those not supported (including many self-employed people) through the pandemic and for those industries hardest hit. But it's not all Coronavirus and it must not be. There are many other serious issues we cannot overlook including education, the climate crisis, transport infrastructure and many non-Covid health challenges. Please follow the links below for more.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### **BUILD BACK GREENER**

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine is backing calls for a green recovery from the pandemic and, alongside the Conservative Environment Network, has written to Chancellor Rishi Sunak with **NINE** key asks.



Steve, who recently met a group of constituents as part of the annual Time is Now lobby, says; "The UK has a great record on reducing emissions but we must do more to prevent the worst consequences of climate change and to stop the loss of our wildlife." More:

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

### **PARK HOME OWNERS**

One constant throughout Steve's ten years as our MP is his championing of park home residents living locally - and across the country.

He led the All-Party Group for many years and supported a landmark Bill in 2013, the Mobile Homes Act. That legislation led to a "fit and proper persons test" for park home site owners being introduced this Autumn and Steve Brine spoke during its Commons stages earlier this year. More:

[stevebrine.com/parkhomes](http://stevebrine.com/parkhomes)

### **VISIT WESTMINSTER**



In normal times, Steve Brine welcomes a steady stream of schools, colleges, and various other constituency groups to Westminster.

While that is not possible at the moment, our MP has come up with a special programme of events to give his constituents a visit to the House of Commons.

His new "Visit Westminster Virtually" events promise a glimpse behind normally closed doors and will include a Q&A session with the MP himself. If you run a local organisation, book your place via

[stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster](http://stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster)

## EARLY YEARS FOCUS

Steve Brine is to chair an influential new group in Parliament focused on the future of early years education.



The All-Party Group for Children & Early Years, backed by organisations such as the Early Years Alliance, will bring to the attention of Ministers many of the long-standing issues facing nurseries and pre-schools.

After raising in the Commons what he described as a "market failure" in the sector, Steve recently led a delegation (pictured) to No.11 Downing Street to meet Chancellor Rishi Sunak.

Steve says; "Our case is around the need for a meaningful policy review, a simplified, centralised system which allows government funds to be streamlined directly into the sector and zero business rates for nurseries in England. There is also an urgent need for COVID-19 recovery support because costs are stacking up."

Follow @APPGearlyyears

## COVID 2020

**It may officially be called Covid-19 but the pandemic has dominated 2020, forcing us into lockdown twice, with all the repercussions that brings, and it's clear the virus will be with us for many years to come.**

Local MP, Steve Brine, has been busy representing and helping constituents both in Parliament and locally where he has praised the "big society" response across his constituency.

He says; "Early on I highlighted in the Commons the village of Hursley for the way it used its new community shop to support those unwell or self-isolating and that soon spread far and wide."

Steve mucked in himself; with new pup Monty as part of the Hairy Pot Plant Company's "Plants for People" initiative, with a scheme from FirstBite/Red Radish which delivered meals to shielding residents on bikes 'deliveroo' style and distributing information direct to households.



## HIV REPORT



**A high-profile Commission that seeks to end new HIV transmissions and attributed deaths in England is drawing to a close. It will publish its long-awaited report in December and counts our MP Steve Brine among its members.**

The Commission, which Steve set-up when he was the Public Health Minister, toured many parts of the country including Bristol (pictured) where they met with people directly affected by HIV and learnt about the local response.

You can learn more about the group and its' recommendations at: [hivcommission.org.uk](http://hivcommission.org.uk)

## HOUSE-WORK

Steve Brine is an experienced and effective MP in Parliament, raising many issues in recent months in addition to the Covid response.

### **Sustainable aviation –**

Steve spoke in support of the Government's "Jet Zero" programme which is pursuing a net zero carbon reality for the industry citing Southampton Airport as a possible exemplar.

**Food Standards** – Steve backs an expanded Trade and Agriculture Commission which seeks to maintain our high food standards and environmental protections post Brexit.



**Sixth Form Funding** – Working with Peter Symonds & Barton Peveril, Steve is pressing Ministers ahead of the Spending Review on the need to close the funding gap identified by the 'Raise the Rate' campaign.

You can see more of Steve's work in the House: [stevebrine.com/westminster](http://stevebrine.com/westminster)



# WAKE UP WINCHESTER!

**The City of Winchester has a unique opportunity post Covid to become a real workplace destination but does it have the leadership and the ambition?**

**Business is screaming for action on major Winchester projects.**

Winchester MP Steve Brine has had a huge response to his recent local paper column which challenged Winchester City Council to show some ambition, and develop a strategy, so the City can regenerate and realise

its potential as a 'workplace destination' in the wake of Coronavirus.

"It wasn't just about Silver Hill or Station Approach albeit both subject to more delay and dither", he says. "It was a call for an economic regeneration plan which recognises the daily commute is

changing along with the world of work. Many of my Chandler's Ford constituents work or shop in Winchester so they have much interest in a successful City that can fund the public services and civic society we all value so much." Read in full and join the conversation:

[stevebrine.com/workplacedestination](http://stevebrine.com/workplacedestination)

## HILTINGBURY ROAD REPAIRS AT LAST



Once again, the state of Hiltingbury Road is deteriorating despite temporary, emergency repairs earlier this year.

Hampshire County Council gave approval for more investment in our roads in its 2020/21 budget providing an extra £3 million for Operation Resilience, the planned maintenance programme for the county's 5,500 miles of roads. There's also an extra £2 million carried forward for reactive maintenance including potholes, annually.

County Cllr Judith Grajewski (pictured) says, "This additional funding is very welcome and I voted FOR the extra money to be allocated, Lib Dems voted AGAINST. Yet, while other roads in Chandler's Ford have been repaired, work on Hiltingbury Road is long overdue. I continue to make the case for action with both officers and the Executive Member for Roads at every opportunity. I WILL NOT GIVE UP!"



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### BUDGET FIASCO AT BOROUGH

EBC's ruling Liberal Democrats were left red-faced after Conservative Group leader Cllr Margaret Atkinson spotted a massive hole in their budget plans – days before a crunch vote!

They had to hastily slash money from their budget plans when they realised some parts of the Borough were set for Council Tax increases of up to 50 per cent. Luckily Margaret spotted that the numbers didn't add up to the 0.3% council tax increase they were promising. She says; "It's a good job Conservatives bother to read the detail. We'll be watching very closely as next year's budget is planned."

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The arrival of a charity Christmas Card shop in Winchester was welcomed by our MP who visited on the first day of trading last month.

Steve says; "The Charity Christmas card shop in Winchester has long been a fixture and it was very sad news that it wasn't possible to hold it in the Tourist Information Centre this year. But cometh the hour, cometh the ladies, and I think we're all hugely grateful to Cathy Wallis for stepping up."

The team have made an appeal for volunteers to help run the shop throughout the Christmas period. Email [WinchesterCFGCC@gmail.com](mailto:WinchesterCFGCC@gmail.com) and see: [cardsforcharity.co.uk](http://cardsforcharity.co.uk)



### LOCAL AIRPORT

Steve Brine has called for action - and support from Eastleigh Borough Council - over the proposed Southampton Airport runway extension when it is heard by the council planning committee on 17th December.

Following the collapse of Flybe at the beginning of the year, Southampton Airport needs to make drastic changes to allow for new airlines and to secure the survival of the airport.

The MP spoke in Parliament to support the extension but said a NPR (noise preferred route) for the flight-path over South Winchester went hand-in-hand with that. "I will support you but you must support my constituents", he said.

### SNOOKER LOOPY

Chandler's Ford MP dropped into a local snooker club recently to see how the club is growing.



Joined by his two children, Emily and William, Steve chatted with Director of the Chandler's Ford Snooker Club, Ray Cooper, and saw some of the keen young players hit the tables.

He says; "The kids and I were glued to the recent World Championships and they asked me just how big a full size table is. I promised to show them so this was a visit we all enjoyed."

Constituency engagement has probably never been more important which is why Steve's Summer series of events took place as usual this year.

More: [stevebrine.com/summertour2020](http://stevebrine.com/summertour2020)



The sun was out as Steve and Harry Johnson-Hill held a pop-up surgery on Stockbridge Road in Fulford.



A first for Steve's Summer Tour as the team, including Cllr Jan Warwick, donned masks for a busy pop-up surgery at Sainsbury's, Badger Farm.



Local Councillors Judith Grajewski and Margaret Atkinson joined Steve in Hiltingbury for a Saturday morning chat with local residents.



The team were out in Micheldever for a pub surgery with Cllr Stephen Godfrey and heard lots of concern over plans for a new town in the countryside.

# SUMMER TOUR

## MP DELIVERS AGAIN

Cultural gems and heritage organisations across the area receive over £2m of lifesaving pandemic funding.



A much needed grant of £219k was given to the Theatre Royal, who even with massive community support, were on a knife-edge. Both the grant and donations have helped secure its future.



With the loss of the Christmas Market, Winchester Cathedral's year had got a bit darker, but thanks to a Government Grant of £948k, the light flooded back in.



Out in Alresford, the Watercress Line weren't left out. Some £600k will fill the gap travellers have left behind and help keep their engineers/apprentices in employment.



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## NEW POLICE CHIEF

**Hampshire County Cllr Jan Warwick and Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner Candidate for May 2021 Cllr Donna Jones met the residents of Otterbourne at a recent outdoor street surgery.**

"Donna's plans to increase police visibility, recruit hundreds more officers to the beat and introduce new technology to combat rural crime were well received by our local residents," said Jan.



## CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

**Having already reduced its carbon emissions by 43% in the last decade, Conservative run Hampshire County Council has approved £2 million for carbon reduction measures and climate change resilience.**

Cllr Margaret Atkinson, a member of the cross party Climate Change & Environment working group at Eastleigh Borough Council says; "This is excellent news from the county council. While Eastleigh BC has its own plans to tackle climate change, it's disappointing that I can't see any extra money in the borough's budget to implement these plans or its Air Quality Action Plan. We will keep fighting!"

## FOOD WASTE FINALLY RETURNS

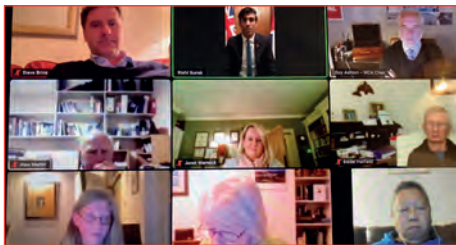
**Eastleigh Borough Council have at last decided to resume the weekly food waste collection service after the service was suspended for seven months.**

Local campaigner Shelagh Lee, who will stand for Borough Council in Chandler's Ford next May says; "Fellow residents have paid their full Council Tax this year and had come to rely on this important recycling service. Not everyone has the space to compost at home and not all food stuffs are suitable for composting. When food waste is recycled it is converted into green energy and natural fertilisers".



## RISHI ZOOMS IN

Chancellor Rishi Sunak joined local Conservatives for a special zoom evening last month. You can join the winning team at [winchesterconservatives.org.uk](http://winchesterconservatives.org.uk)



# PROTECT LANDSCAPE SETTING

## SOUTH WINCHESTER

**Local Conservatives are fighting against options laid out by Winchester City Council that could allow thousands of new houses on the green fields between Winchester & Chandler's Ford.**

They include circa 5,000 houses - plus another Park and Ride and a new link road into Winchester through the countryside - on land between Hursley and Oliver's Battery.

The plans, known as Royaldown Garden Village, arise from options for large-scale development being laid out as part of Winchester's Local Plan refresh.

County Councillors, Judith Grajewski and Jan Warwick, united to say; "We cannot solve the housing crisis by simply carpeting over our green fields. We should adhere to a brownfield first policy, where such sites are given a higher priority than essential agricultural and ecologically rich land. Royaldown would, at a stroke, wipe out acres of our precious landscape setting so enjoyed by residents across Chandler's Ford & Hiltingbury and make an already difficult traffic situation so much worse."

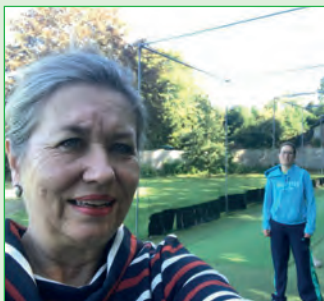


Cllr Jan Warwick (Winchester Downlands) and Cllr Judith Grajewski (Chandler's Ford).

# CRICKET CLUB GRANT

## COMPTON & CHANDLER'S FORD

**Compton & Chandler's Ford Cricket Club have benefitted from TWO county councillor grants towards the cost of new nets.**



Cllr Judith Grajewski (Chandler's Ford Division) and Cllr Jan Warwick (Downlands Division) helped the club and Judith says; "I was delighted to meet with Kate Palmer from the club recently and they can benefit from increased councillors devolved budgets this year so we can support local groups."

"I've already approved grants to One Community, Wessex Cancer Trust, Citizens Advice and the Eastleigh MHA Live at Home scheme and there's more to come!" You can contact [Judith.Grajewski@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Judith.Grajewski@hants.gov.uk) if you run a local club or organisation needing support.

# HILTINGBURY LAKES REVITALISED

## HILTINGBURY

**Conservative councillors have secured funding of £250,000 to restore Hiltingbury Lakes to their former glory.**



Cllr Margaret Atkinson says; "It has saddened many to see The Lakes deteriorate over years of neglect and underfunding by Eastleigh BC. Contractors and volunteers enabled the project to start well, revealing hidden pathways and improving access. Sadly, work stopped due to COVID-19 and now the project will be completed by Autumn 2021."

"We will be making sure on-going maintenance is funded to avoid a repeat of the previous cycle of invest and ignore."

# OLD CIVIC OFFICES

## EASTLEIGH

**What is happening to Eastleigh Borough Council's old civic offices site on Leigh Road?**



The offices were demolished after the council moved out in 2014 and, in 2018, the Council gave itself planning permission for a 4-storey office block plus 184 parking spaces which said; "We will retain ownership of the site providing a significant rental income to the council."

Cllr Margaret Atkinson says; "Despite this, it lies redundant generating not a penny. The borough council have got this badly wrong; it's a prime brownfield site which could be used for much needed affordable housing."

# LIBRARY REMAINS OPEN

## FRYERN

**Chandler's Ford Library remains open despite scaremongering last year that it might close.**



The library will be staying open for 41.5 hours over 6 days a week and more good news is that it will be open later on Saturday afternoons when many families with children visit. Many more people are choosing to use the digital service and if you can't get to the library, the Home Library Service can come to you.

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