



Steve Brine's WINCHESTER POST

Another positive publication from LOCAL Conservative MP Steve Brine and the team. It is delivered by volunteers across the City of Winchester, Kings Worthy, Alresford and surrounding villages.



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Covid. Recovery. Reform

After 18-months that has pushed our NHS to the limit, three words sum up what's next. Read a full "Priority NHS" report from our MP.



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As the dust settles on an historic COP26 in Glasgow, we cover the key moments and give some local context to the battle of our times.



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Steve rounds up a busy year of work on our behalf in the House of Commons and gives us a glimpse of life in uniform!

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

Decisions from COP26 keep 1.5 alive but world needs to kick-on from Glasgow Climate Pact says local MP.

Steve Brine has welcomed the climate agreement secured at COP26 to keep 1.5 degrees alive and protect our planet for future generations.

He told *The Winchester Post*; "We asked nations to come together and we have an historic agreement to phase down coal and a roadmap to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

"Glasgow is the first ever global agreement in which every country has signed up to phase down coal – the dirtiest fossil fuel. It also delivers a plan to scale up support for developing countries to adapt to climate change – and requires countries to come back with stronger targets to cut emissions by the end of next year.



"I would have liked to see agreement to end coal use – by a fixed date – but India and China were not prepared to do that. The pressure on them to go further is however now huge; Glasgow has set a clear direction of travel."

The final agreement builds on the progress made on coal, cars, cash and trees throughout the summit. Steve is particularly excited to see more than 130 leaders, representing over 90

per cent of the world's forests, pledge to end deforestation by 2030.

See much more from COP at greenwinchester.com



Steve attended COP26 in Glasgow alongside MPs from other UK parties and around the world. Catch-up on his posts at fb.com/SteveBrineMP

PRIORITY NHS



Steve and Alex Whitfield with the team on Nick Jonas Ward.

KEY SERVICES BACK AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

MP visits as cancer services fully return to Royal County Hospital.

Local MP Steve Brine dropped into Winchester Hospital to mark the successful return of the cancer services team following a temporary move because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the trust's response to covid, significant changes to services were required to enable the safe treatment and management of patients; with cancer and infusion services moved to Sarum Road and even Basingstoke.

Alex Whitfield, Chief Executive at HHFT, said: "We are delighted that cancer services are returning to Royal Hampshire County Hospital."

Steve added; "The move was key to keeping this lifesaving work going during the pandemic but there was anxiety about whether they would return so I know everyone is pleased they are back where they belong."

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STEVE BRINE'S PRIORITY NHS

JAB JAB JAB!



Roll-out of the Covid vaccine in our country has been second to none, as widely reported.

Hampshire has, of course, done its' bit with 2.6m jabs given in just over 9-months. The focus now moves to our Winter booster programme which will work alongside the annual flu vaccination effort.

Steve Brine says; "The whole NHS and volunteer team have done an amazing job. We know the Covid vaccines are giving around 95% protection against severe disease, so we need to trust the science and learn to live with this virus. We also need to super-charge the booster programme and I am working to address access to that in our area."



Steve recently joined clinicians from the Winchester City team at the Badger Farm vaccination centre to thank volunteers for their service; and (inset) Secretary of State, Sajid Javid.

COVID. RECOVERY. REFORM.

For more than a decade, our MP has put the NHS at the top of his agenda.

Today, that has never been more important, as Steve Brine echoed the words of Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, outlining his priorities for the next 12-months - Covid. Recovery. Reform.

Steve told *The Winchester Post*; "That means getting, and keeping, us out of the pandemic. It means tackling the huge backlog of appointments it has caused, funding the service to do that and reforming our health and social care system for the long-term, just as we promised.

"But reform also means making sure our money, including what we raise from the new health and care levy on national insurance, is spent wisely. As a former Health Minister, I will be joining forces with like-minded colleagues, cross-party, to do just that in Parliament. And anyone crowing about tax rises needs to explain how they'd pay for a budget busting pandemic that was in nobody's manifesto."

ASKTHENHS RETURNED...



Steve Brine held the latest in his ASKtheNHS series with a public meeting focusing on the future of our local NHS.

The event heard from a panel of key local clinicians including HHFT Chief Executive, Alex Whitfield, and was attended by dozens of residents.

The focus of the zoom meeting, the fourth in Steve's ASKtheNHS series, came as HHFT's Hampshire Together programme refines plans to deliver a new hospital to serve north and mid Hampshire. It also looked at how the emerging integrated care system (ICS) will bring together GPs, mental health, community care, social care and the wider voluntary sector.

More: stevebrine.com/askthenhs

... AND OUR HOSPICE FINALLY ARRIVED

Winchester Cathedral held a very special service last month to celebrate the opening of our new hospice.

Steve Brine, and his son William, attended alongside the Lord Lieutenant, Mayor of Winchester and the team who will run Winchester's first adult hospice. Several hundred members of the public enjoyed hymns, prayers and stories about its' development.

Steve says; "When I think back to the very start of my time here, I remember

people saying how great it would be to see an adult hospice open in the city. It seemed like a big ask, but a combination of the generosity of local people - and a determination from Hampshire Hospital Foundation Trust - saw it become a reality."

More: winchesterhospice.com



Alex Whitfield, Chief Executive at HHFT, shows Steve around.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Steve took complaints from constituents about **access to GPs** to Ministers which led to a £250m Winter funding package.
- For many years Steve chaired the All-Party **breast cancer** group and continues to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of the disease.
- Steve introduced the 'sugar tax' as part of the childhood obesity plan and wrote large parts of the landmark **Prevention** Green Paper when in Government.
- Our MP served as **Public Health Minister** from 2017-2019; pictured representing our country at the G20 in Argentina.



More than a decade of support for our local NHS www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs

NEWS IN BRIEF

LEVEL UP IVF HELP SAYS MP

Winchester's MP says we need to see a "step-change" in IVF treatment offered to couples on the NHS.

Steve Brine told *The Winchester Post* he believes it's time for parity of esteem in fertility treatment.

He says; "NICE state that if you are unable to have children without medical help, women under 40 should be able to access three full cycles of NHS IVF. However, the vast majority of the 1 in 6 couples diagnosed with fertility problems cannot access three cycles because of local decisions. We need a step-change to level up access and we need the NHS to recognise that fertility is a medical issue. Three strikes and you're out is actually rather cruel so I want to test how far Ministers are prepared to change the system."

NCT WALK & TALK

During lockdown the local NCT began a series of outdoor get-togethers and they've kept it going.

Their 'walk and talk' events have proved popular and they recently invited Steve Brine (and his dog Monty) to join them for a stroll from Winchester Cathedral down to the Handlebar Café in St Cross.



Topics discussed, as the group walked in the Autumn sunshine, included breastfeeding services and possible changes to hospital provision in Winchester.

GP APPOINTMENTS

A growing number of constituents have raised issues with access to their GP with our MP in recent months.

Steve Brine took these up directly with the Secretary of State and in October a new £250m plan emerged. Surgeries will be provided with additional funding to boost their capacity and increase the number of face to face appointments.



GREEN Winchester

Steve Brine says it is the responsibility of experienced MPs to hold Ministers' feet to the fire on their net zero strategy and the promises made at COP26.

Our MP spoke at a special UN session in Glasgow on the role of Parliaments around the world in scrutinising climate and nature policy. He said; "The commitments are vital, and we should not be cynical about them, but delivery is what it's all about now."



Steve addressing delegates from the UK seat at COP26.

LOCAL GREEN SHOOTS



Winchester Area SuperHomes is a two-year project (ending April 2023) run by WinACC to support homeowners across the area to transform the energy performance of their properties by retrofitting and as such, reduce their carbon emissions.

As the MoD prepares to leave Sir John Moore Barracks near Littleton, support is growing for a **25-hectare local nature** reserve on part of the site. This is a one-off opportunity to protect and enhance the biodiversity in the north of the Flowerdown Estate as well as establishing a new gap to protect the village.



Bus back better! Hampshire County Council has signed up to the Government's National Bus Strategy setting out a vision for cleaner, greener - and more regular - bus services. Generous Government funding means we have a golden opportunity to transform bus services.

More: greenwinchester.com

LIVING THE DREAM - IN SHAWFORD

Winchester has a new e-cycle specialist after The Cycle Company opened its doors.

Local MP Steve Brine recently visited and met up with Ed Chase and Tom Corcoran (pictured) to hear about the first few months and their plans for the future.



The business, based in Shawford, offers a unique all electric stock which are available to both purchase or hire. Steve, who previously led the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Cycling in Westminster, said; "This business is going places for sure. Electric bikes are going to be a key way to build confidence as we seek to get more people out and about, keeping fit and healthy, but also promoting alternatives to driving."

More: thecyclecompany.co.uk

QUESTIONS FOR NEW RAIL BOSS

Managing Director, Claire Mann, and colleague Phil Dominey, met Steve to discuss local rail services, our four local stations and emerging plans for SWR's new timetable due to come in December 2022.

Steve also took the time to discuss the future of flexible ticketing and was briefed on plans for a new cycle café at Winchester Station plus a joint project with Hampshire County Council for a new safe route in (and out) of the station into Peter Symonds and Fulfood.



More: stevebrine.com/trains

At work and, above, with Phil where the new station access route will be built.

NEWS IN BRIEF

RE-OPENING THE TIPS

MP Steve Brine pressed Hampshire County Council to amend the current booking system at our local household waste recycling centres.

Following a letter to (and a meeting with) leader of the council, Cllr Keith Mans, and Cllr Rob Humby, Steve has welcomed a series of changes which make it easier for residents to access their local tips again. Same day booking will now be allowed and residents can go more than once in a short period.

TEACHING AT PETER SYMONDS

Steve Brine was recently given the chance to teach a politics class at Peter Symonds College.

The MP took students through subjects including the voting system, the link between MP and constituency as well as the distinction between front and backbench roles. Steve broke the ice with a short picture quiz to test students' knowledge of current well-known political figures.



PERINS SCHOOL BUSES

Steve Brine and Cllr Fiona Isaacs led a renewed push to address road safety issues outside Perins School in Alresford.

There had been ongoing issues with buses picking up and dropping off on the Avenue by the entrance to Arlebury Park. That has now been stopped. Steve said; "It's not been easy but everyone has pulled together, including the new bus operator, and we appear to have a solution. Many thanks to all for letting good sense win the day."



20 IS PLENTY

Hampshire County Council's Conservative Cabinet is investigating whether to introduce 20 mph speed limit zones on residential streets in our area.

Hampshire County Cllr Jan Warwick says; "We want to hear from residents and experts and reclaim our streets for pedestrians and cyclists, improve safety, air quality and reduce congestion". Contact: jan.warwick@hants.gov.uk

The team had to navigate the 'ping-demic' but Summer Tour 2021 was back, better than ever, during Parliament's annual recess across August and September. Here's a snapshot ...



Alresford: rain did not stop play as Steve and Cllr Fiona Isaacs (plus Harry Johnson-Hill) held their latest Broad Street surgery.



Winchester: back to an old home for Steve (and dog Monty) as they held a busy pop-up surgery in Fulwood.



Harestock: well-known local campaigner, Andy Lai, spent a morning meeting residents outside the Village Bakery.



Kings Worthy: a warm and sunny time for Signe Biddle and Steve as they set up shop on London Road to round off this year's tour.



Colden Common: planning, bus services and aircraft noise were on the agenda as Steve joined Cllr Sue Cook.

Steve Brine's SUMMER TOUR

stevebrine.com/ST2021

Even more
NEWS
IN BRIEF



POLICE 'BEAT' SURGERY

Local Conservatives brought Hampshire's new police commissioner to the area for a special 'BEAT surgery' with local officers.

The surgery, organised by Steve Brine MP and Cllr Patrick Cunningham and held in the village of East Stratton, saw dozens of residents express their views on a wide range of local policing matters with illegal horse and trap racing along the A33 being a key topic of concern.

MP WELCOMES 'OPTIMISTIC' BUDGET

Steve Brine supported Rishi Sunak's 2021 Budget when MPs voted on it this November.

The MP said it was an optimistic, but realistic Budget and welcomed moves to retain 50% business rate discounts for hospitality, changes to duty on alcohol and a £2bn tax cut for low-income families through changes to Universal Credit. Watch Steve's blog post: stevebrine.com/Budget2021

ON-AIR!

As a former Minister, and experienced MP in Parliament, our representative Steve Brine can often be seen/heard on national media speaking about the key issues – and he always says what he thinks!

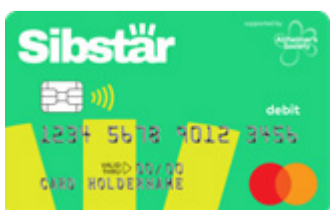
Follow Steve on Facebook & Twitter and we'll tell you when your MP is next on-air.



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MONEY

Local entrepreneur Jayne Sibley is launching the first ever debit card for people living with dementia. Sibstar is a debit card and app designed to help financially vulnerable adults safely manage everyday spending.

Jayne's parents, who are living with dementia inspired the idea. She says; "Despite her dementia, Mum needed access to her own money in order to continue living her life independently. We wanted to develop a way for people living with dementia to access their own money safely." Sibstar launches in December; pre-register at sibstar.co.uk



Westminster Report

MORE AT STEVEBRINE.COM/WESTMINSTER

HOUSE-WORK

Steve Brine works across a wide range of subjects and is well-known as a hard-working and reliable member of the House of Commons.

- As a former Minister, Steve speaks regularly on **health** matters in the House; robustly holding the Government to account for decisions taken during the pandemic



- Steve is a member of the powerful Digital, Culture, Media & Sport **Select Committee** (pictured above) which is currently looking at the impact of 'influencers' online.

- The Committee is also looking at upcoming **Online Harms** legislation, music streaming services, concussion in sport and the work of the BBC.



- Steve is a new recruit to the **Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme** (pictured above) which gives MPs invaluable close-up experience to better understand our forces.

- Working with the Conservative Environment Network, our MP leads a work stream on decarbonising housing and buildings as a **'Net Zero Champion'**.

- As an independent minded backbencher, Steve voted in support of retaining our 0.7% **UK aid commitment** and welcomed its planned return in the recent Budget.

- Steve served as a member of the HIV Commission and continues to work with campaigners in the field to implement a strong **HIV & AIDS** Action Plan.

- Our MP works with various **cancer charities** continuing work he began in Government and campaigns to see it prioritised in the Covid catch-up programme.

SIR DAVID AMESS

Steve Brine writes ...

David was a gentleman and a great friend to younger MPs including me when I was first elected.

The horror of that day (in October) had me frozen to the spot; I think MPs are both shocked at what's happened and not in the slightest bit surprised. It's happened before and we fear it will happen again.

There is an element of risk in what we do and we can never completely eliminate that. The message I get from constituents is that you value the direct engagement we have in Winchester and Chandler's Ford and want it to continue.

Attention is rightly turning to how we preserve that while being responsible to ourselves, our staff and our families.

Much has been said about social media and I'll be looking extremely closely at future online harms legislation, but something about our political discourse has become really nasty in recent years, so let's dial it down and look out as well as in.

How we communicate in the real world translates online and visa-versa. So when we engage politically we should ask ourselves whether we're part of the solution or part of the problem?

This is a shortened version of an article written for the *Hampshire Chronicle*. Read it in full at stevebrine.com/davidamess

MAKING OUR VOICE HEARD

PLANNING

Winchester's MP led a group of colleagues interested in forthcoming planning legislation to see the new Housing Secretary, Michael Gove.

Steve Brine raised issues around brownfield first, the importance of local councillors in driving final decisions and the duty

to co-operate between neighbouring authorities such as Winchester and Eastleigh. Steve is working with local campaigners such as Cllr Jan Warwick and David Killeen (pictured inset) who are working to protect South Winchester from over-development.



HUGE FUNDING UPLIFT

EARLY YEARS



As Chair of the all-party group for Childcare and Early Education our MP has negotiated a £170m uplift in funding paid to early years providers.

Steve Brine says; "The announcement in the Autumn Budget amounts to a quadrupling of the funding secured in the 2020 Spending Review and is something

we have campaigned for hard over the last 12 months. It is however, not a panacea for the problems facing the sector. We have so much more to do supporting our early years educators, ensuring sufficient provision of SEND places and measures to ensure providers are able to remain open."

More: stevebrine.com/earlyyears

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