

Steve Brine MP

My year at a glance

JUNE 2021 – Brought the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner to East Stratton (pictured top) to talk rural crime with residents, received a tour of the new sport and leisure park and the newly completed Bradbury View at Trinity Winchester. Welcomed Sports Minister, Nigel Huddleston MP, to Winchester Cathedral to see Birth of a Nation exhibition.

JULY 2021 – Welcomed the Universities Minister to Winchester University, held the Government to account as the Covid 'roadmap' opened up the country and unveiled new family homes in Kings Worthy. Became a green homes champion with the Conservative Environment Network and secured important road safety improvements outside Perins School in Alresford.

AUGUST 2021 – Kicked off Summer Tour with a street surgery in Chandler's Ford and attended a thank you event for volunteers at Badger Farm Covid vaccination centre. Dropped into 'picnic on the green' in Littleton as the community came together again.

SEPTEMBER 2021 – Continued Summer Tour with events in Colden Common and Fulford, led a major debate on childcare in Parliament and joined the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme class of 2021/22 (pictured). Met the new Managing Director of South Western Railway, visited several schools (and colleges) and joined an NCT 'walk and talk' with mums.

OCTOBER 2021 – Carried on with visits to education settings across Winchester & Chandler's Ford, visited the RHCH as cancer services returned (pictured) and opened a new state-of-the-art hospital pharmacy. Joined Winchester's mass cycle ride and lobbied Ministers on the future of Sir John Moore Barracks.

NOVEMBER 2021 – Secured a funding uplift for Early Years in the Budget (as APPG chair), visited our newly rebranded night-shelter and laid my wreath at Winchester Cathedral for Remembrance Sunday. Attended COP26 in Glasgow (pictured), worked with fellow DCMS committee members on a high-profile inquiry into racism in sport and supported the new Down Syndrome Bill. Met

with tenants from Kings Walk in Winchester about ASB and their uncertain future.

DECEMBER 2021 – Opened a new high-tech manufacturing facility in Chandler's Ford, caught up with students and headteacher at Thornden School and unveiled the winner of my Christmas Card Competition – 5-year old Franklin Skeoch from Kings Worthy Primary School.

JANUARY 2022 – Welcomed the first walk-in Covid vaccination centre to Winchester and the suspension of the misguided 'smart' motorway project. Visited the new Knights Quarter development on the old Police HQ and met with the National Highways team (pictured) working on the modelling of J9 of the M3.

FEBRUARY 2022 – Met the Friends of River Park to discuss the future of that site and joined business leaders at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast. Took parents' concerns to a special parliamentary debate on CAHMS services, visited the new HQ of Winchester Youth Counselling. Robustly condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

MARCH 2022 – Welcomed the big-hearted Homes for Ukraine scheme and (eventually) met the Prince of Wales as he came to Winchester for the unveiling of Licoricia. Visited a Southern Water treatment site as they tackle the issue of storm overflows and joined a fundraising event (pictured) for Ukraine in Twyford. Raised the DVLA backlog at PMQs.

APRIL 2022 – Met the new Vice-Chancellor at Winchester University, got on site as the old Shawford station ticket office is turned into a new community facility and joined Winchester Litter Pickers in the City centre. Brought the COP26 president here, see overleaf, for an ASKtheMINISTER meeting on climate-change and backed the Southampton City of Culture bid.

MAY 2022 – Savoured the moment as Winchester City FC secured promotion to the Southern Premier League and joined 3rd Chandler's Ford Scouts for Q&A. Visited big six energy firm, Utilita, and DHL; both based locally. Travelled to South Korea with the DCMS select committee and to Uganda on a study tour into reproductive health and family planning.



PMQs is back!

Several times each year I hold a ballot where constituents can obtain tickets for the weekly big event. Parliament's Covid restrictions have now been removed and I recently held my first ballot in almost two years. See dates (and sign up) at www.stevebrine.com/PMQs and in local press.



AND PARLIAMENT IS OPEN TO YOU

Tours of the iconic Palace of Westminster are available (free of charge during the week) courtesy of my office. You can come as an individual, with a local community group or your school/college. And look out for contact from me, in the months ahead, about an exciting new **Visit Westminster** programme for your neighbourhood; including Q&A with yours truly.



Itchen Abbas School visited earlier this year; the first to do so post Covid-19.



TV star Tommy Jessop (and Mum Jane) dropped in to support one of the hundreds of events Parliament hosts each month.

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Annual Report

2021/22

Working hard for Winchester, Alresford, Kings Worthy, Chandler's Ford and surrounding villages

Dear Resident,

This year's Annual Report comes at a time of uncertainty and worry for many as the cost of living squeeze continues.

The cost of energy – for our homes, our cars and our businesses – sits at the heart of this but rising interest rates, as the Bank of England seeks to control inflation, come a close second.

For those approaching the end of fixed-term deals especially, this is a moment of concern I know.

Government is not a by-stander in this. We are delivering the biggest net cut to personal taxes in over a quarter of a century helping us keep more of our money. And there's our £37 billion package of support that includes the rebate on energy bills and council tax plus a huge boost to the Household Support Fund so local authorities can help those on the lowest incomes with their food and utility costs.

It is impossible for any government to solve every problem, but our priority is to help those who are struggling now and I will go on ensuring this area is heard in the corridors of power.

I hope you find this Annual Report of interest (remember it is just a snapshot) and will note that casework continues to be the bedrock of my work as our MP. If you or someone you know needs my help, please get in touch.

Yours,

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Working hard for Winchester and Chandler's Ford



PRIORITY NHS



Chatting with staff on the surgical unit and, inset, with Health Minister (Ed Argar MP) on a recent visit.

I regularly visit the Royal Hampshire County Hospital and was in theatre recently to see for myself the progress being made on reducing the elective care backlog - and on improvements to maternity services.

Our trust saw its waiting list grow significantly over the pandemic, but is working systematically to get people the treatments they need. Staff at the RHCH did incredible things throughout the pandemic and deserve our thanks as well as support. More: stevebrine.com/prioritynhs

VISITING YOU

One of the best aspects of my job is visiting local schools and community groups to chat with young people.

I visit schools across the constituency all the time to meet with Headteachers and Governors, but we always make time to have a Q&A with the children and/or their eco-teams.

This past year has been a little curtailed by Covid but, one way or another, I have visited St Faith's, Compton Primary, Harestock School, Chandler's Ford Infants - and Scout Group - Kings School, Twyford St Mary's, Sparsholt College and St Peter's. And I've taken politics classes at Winchester College, Barton Peveril and Peter Symonds!



Addressing assembly at St Faith's and (inset) chatting with the 3rd Chandler's Ford Scout Group.

WESTMINSTER REPORT



Dominated by Covid for almost two years, Parliament has remained extremely busy with an important and wide-ranging number of bills becoming law before the end of session in May. I have continued to

represent constituents on a number of matters, especially those that most effect your day-to-day lives such as the cost of living, driving licenses, passports and travel.

The House of Commons has also passed numerous sanctions on Russian oligarchs in the wake of Putin's war in Ukraine. I was sanctioned by Moscow for my part in that!



VISITING AFRICA

My interest in global health policy remains undimmed and I recently took part in a four-day study trip to Uganda which focussed on reproductive health and family planning in a country where the population is ballooning, and maternal mortality is among the highest in the world. Our cross-party group travelled to Kampala and the rural north in Luwero and Kabelega.



SELECT COMMITTEE

In Parliament I serve as a member of the high-profile Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee and we've had a busy year!

The past 12-months have included work on influencer culture, forthcoming online harms legislation, the future of Channel 4 and racism in cricket. We recently visited South Korea as part of a major inquiry we are undertaking into how we promote Britain abroad as the world opens up after Covid. I also met the K-Pop sensation that is Blackpink! More: stevebrine.com/DCMS

HOUSE-WORK

- Became Co-Chair of the All-Party Group for HIV and AIDS.
- Supported the landmark Environment Act.
- Backed campaign to end digital alteration of body images.
- Highlighted backlogs at the DVLA and Passport Office with Ministers.
- Brought forward a Ten-Minute Rule Bill on Breast Cancer.
- Raised concerns about local CAMHS services.
- Pressed Government on travel in a post-Covid world.
- Spoke out against temporary cut in the UK aid budget.
- Lobbied Ministers to do more on cost of living crisis.
- Supported sustainable aviation and 'Jet Zero' in Parliament.
- Quizzed the Government on the future of public service broadcasters including Channel 4.
- Continued as Chair of All-Party Group for Childcare and Early Education.

Much (much) more: stevebrine.com/westminster



ASK ALOK

ASKtheMINISTER returned with COP26 President, Alok Sharma MP, focussing on the climate crisis and the Government's 'net zero' strategy.

Some of us may have different priorities, and even differences of opinion on how to get there, but we all care about the climate and achieving a sensible, planned, transition to net zero which is central to our mission as a Government.

Over 120 of you attended the event at St Paul's Church about the landmark conference held last year in Glasgow including a number of school children from across Winchester & Chandler's Ford.

Read more and watch a short-film from the event - plus see details of ASKtheAIRPORT being held later this year - at: stevebrine.com/askseries

Also: stevebrine.com/greenwinchester



WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT YOUR LOCAL MP!

"Once again thank you for your intervention and support it is indeed great work you do on our behalf."
Steve, Alresford

"Thank you - this is excellent constituency service and I applaud you for your speed in raising this issue."
Mr K, Winchester

"I cannot thank you and your team enough, this has been one of the best Christmas presents we've ever received. One behalf of my family I wholeheartedly thank you for your invaluable support, kind attention and prompt action. We all truly appreciate it."
Besarian, Winchester

"I can't thank you enough for your involvement. Without your help I don't believe this would've been resolved. In the current climate politicians are under a lot of pressure so I thank you again for taking time to help."
Dave, Chandler's Ford

"You did a wonderful quick and efficient job for me - you are a great MP a valuable asset to the constituency. We are very lucky."
Mr C, Winchester



"Thank you so much to you and your team for all your help; they arrived Friday night and have been settling in."
Mrs E, Hiltingbury

"Thank you so much for all your help. This is amazing news. This is exactly what local MPs are for and you have delivered fantastically."
Mike, Winchester