



Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

For Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury & North Millers Dale from Prospective Conservative MP, Steve Brine

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COMMUNITIES UNDER THREAT

STEVE BRINE has warned that community life across Chandler's Ford is under threat as never before.

The Prospective MP's warning comes as plans to replace local family doctors' surgeries with impersonal super-surgeries known as 'polyclinics' were criticised by the British Medical Association and the Patients Association.

Meanwhile, local nurseries are campaigning against the scrapping of top-up fees for nursery education, which could close many desperately needed places in the area.

While many of our sub-post offices survived a cull this year we lost a branch in Bournemouth Road and there are worrying noises from Government of more cuts to come.

Meanwhile, Eastleigh Borough Council is pressing ahead in the face of mounting public protest with plans to scrap travel tokens relied heavily upon by many local residents.

Counting the cost:

- 1,700 family doctors' surgeries could be replaced by 'polyclinics'
- 1,000's of nursery places under threat
- 2,500 Post Office branches set to close
- Popular travel tokens face axe
- Continued concern over local bin collection

Steve Brine told The Chandler's Ford Post; "We are fortunate to live in a vibrant community here but we are facing a real

threat. Just look at what happened to post offices this year when we saw profitable businesses closed against the wishes of local people. And now, the intention to meddle with nursery education is leaving parents and nursery staff with an uncertain future.

"Local NHS services could be next. Patients and GPs in the constituency have spoken to me and they are fearful that local family doctors' surgeries could be replaced. Who wants to travel miles to a 'polyclinic' and never see the same doctor twice?"

"The cumulative effect of losing these services is that communities become weaker and it is the poorest, the elderly and the most disadvantaged who suffer the most. We've got to reverse this trend of cut backs and closures and I am determined to argue just that if I become this area's next MP."



■ Steve Brine with Shadow Families Minister, Maria Miller and the children & staff of Hartley House Nursery



■ Conservatives recently announced at their party conference they will provide funding for those councils that wish to introduce proper weekly rubbish collections, on top of comprehensive recycling services, if they return to Government



■ Steve putting the case for our local communities to the Post Office earlier this year

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■ **Steve Brine with Conservative leader David Cameron at the recent party conference in Birmingham**

A plan for positive change in Chandler's Ford

Steve Brine, the local Parliamentary Candidate, has welcomed the plans unveiled at the Conservative Party Conference, which will help residents across Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and North Millers Dale.

The Conservative leader David Cameron said the conference showed that his party is a strong, united alternative to Labour. But he insisted that the Tories were not just sitting back and waiting for Labour to fall apart: 'We're coming forward with bold, radical ideas for changing Britain,' he said. 'There is absolutely no complacency.'

During the week, the Conservatives unveiled a clear plan for change. Among the key announcements were:

- The plan for a strong economy - helping ease the pain of the downturn and improving our economy for the long term. David Cameron pledged to make sure government lives within its means, cuts the national

debt, and makes Britain more competitive.

- The plan for a better NHS - getting rid of Labour's top-down targets and bureaucracy, and making sure doctors answer to patients, not politicians.

- The plan for social reform - starting to repair our broken society by raising school standards and discipline, ending the something-for-nothing welfare culture, and strengthening families.

Steve said this is great news for local families: "Because we're a united team focused on the big issues we face, I hope people can trust us to work together for the country in a crisis. I think it is also important to remember only the Conservatives can remove this Government from office."

'We're talking about the future of this country, unlike Labour who spent their conference arguing about their internal problems and the Liberal Democrats who were either attacking us or making wildly irresponsible (not to mention unaffordable!) promises of tax cuts.'

STOP! ...Mr Postman

Prospective Conservative MP Steve Brine has been busy lately handling constituent concerns about changes to their local postal service.

Residents in the villages of Easton and Martyr Worthy (in our constituency) were horrified to hear their postman of 20 years service was being moved without notice. Steve Brine took up their case, met with Royal Mail bosses at Winnall and Robert Paddington (pictured) was able to get back on his bike!

- Do you have experiences you would like to publicise about your postman/postwoman in this area?
- Are you worried about the timing and reliability of your mail delivery at the moment?
- Get in touch with Steve (in confidence) steve@stevebrine.com or 01962 762 023



DIG FOR...FOOD!

So much has been said in recent years about the threat to allotment sites in the Eastleigh Borough it would be easy to think the problem has gone away. It most certainly has not!

Thousands of residents have signed petitions, there have been visits by Shadow Ministers and vocal protests outside the offices of Liberal Democrat controlled Eastleigh Borough Council.

In spite of this, and even after the loss of Monks Way and South Street for new development sites, council eyes are focusing in on the next target - Woodside Avenue. Up until 2003 this site was fully occupied and well tended by over 120 dedicated plot holders. Since that time, Eastleigh Borough Council has sought to run the site down by refusing to let plots to newcomers as and when they became vacant. This letting ban has continued in spite of significant demand for allotments and a waiting list of around 300 people.

Once again the Eastleigh and District Allotments Association is standing up for local people.

Prospective Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine says; "Our only specific allotment site in Chandler's Ford is "Ramalley" just off the Hursley Road and I know how valued it is by users."

"I want us to move away from repeated attempts by the Borough Council to build on allotment sites and make a statement as a country that they are not luxury items - they are an essential part of our communities. In these times of soaring food bills and huge demand for organic local produce we should be opening more allotments not closing the ones we have. We should also be supporting local schools who I know are increasingly keen to let their

students experience the joy of producing their own fruit and veg."

Steve has undertaken to raise the issue with his colleagues in the Shadow Cabinet and is arguing for allotments to become protected sites in each community - over and above enjoying 'statutory' site status - so they can more easily resist the greedy eyes of developers and local councils.

Do you agree with Steve Brine?

Contact him, 01962 762023

or visit www.stevebrine.com/allotments



■ **Steve Brine and Cllr Godfrey Olson discuss the threat with Tony Murrills of the Allotment Association in Eastleigh**

All aboard at

CHANDLER'S FORD STATION

As Chandler's Ford Station celebrates its 5th birthday an exciting community rail partnership is blooming!

Our very own Chandler's Ford railway station cut its 5th birthday cake recently, and judging by the demand for its services, is going from strength to strength.



■ The Mayor & Mayoress of Southampton join the birthday celebrations at Chandler's Ford Station and (alongside) the train shaped birthday cake - what else!

Back in April of this year, the Three Rivers Community Rail partnership officially 'adopted' Chandler's Ford station. At a short ceremony held just after the morning rush, representatives of South West Trains and the partnership signed the adoption document to widely held acclaim. Mark Miller of the organisation told The Chandler's Ford Post; "The station re-opened five years ago after years of closure. This was the result of much hard work and determination from the local community. It has proved to be a resounding success, and we can all be very proud of 'our' station."

Prospective local MP Steve Brine adds; "What a great success story which owes everything to the hard work of the partnership and the decision by Hampshire County Council to put real money into making this work. A small but dedicated group of volunteers has taken the station under their wing and it is great to see them out



distributing publicity, undertaking surveys and picking up litter to keep pride in the station. I know there are ambitious plans for the future and I look forward to helping where I can to see this project gets better and better."

More information: you can find out more about this excellent local facility, its services and download a timetable of your own via www.threeriversrail.com or call national rail enquiries on 08457 484950.



■ Steve Brine with Nick Farthing from Three Rivers at September's Hiltingbury Extravaganza where the organisation had a publicity stand.

2008 has been a busy year ...in the media and out-and-about for local family man, Steve Brine

Action group to fight plan for development

Steve Brine, Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Winchester has supported the residents' campaign.

Mr Brine said: "Any development in a conservation area should positively enhance it and I don't believe for one moment what's proposed here will do anything of the kind for St John's. It is wrong in terms of density, character and its likely impact on those already living in the immediate area".

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■ Family guy - Steve with wife, Susie and Emily who is now 11-months!

'Bold and Innovative' work of hospital praised

Winchester: 'culture change' in MRSA control seeing impressive results

Steve Brine, Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Winchester, who accompanied Andrew Lansley, Tory Health

Spokesman on a visit last Thursday said: "The Trust's ambition to have an infection-free hospital in Winchester is exactly where we should be

aiming and it's nothing less than people expect. "The RHCH is really setting the standard in a bold and innovative way."

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE: May 15, 2008



■ Winchester on the BBC Winchester was also featured this year on the BBC's Daily Politics Show with Andrew Neil. You can watch the film, featuring Steve Brine and his young team campaigning in Hyde, via www.stevebrine.com/tv



■ Steve with Cllr Mike Hughes at the Hiltingbury Extravaganza in September, helping to raise funds for the new Hiltingbury Community Centre



■ Winchester Hospital Radio: Steve Brine was interviewed for WHR's own version of Desert Island Discs at their studios inside the Royal County Hospital. He chose Keane and The Carpenters (sorry about that part!)

THE FUTURE OF ADULT CARE

Hampshire's ageing population presents our area - and Hampshire County Council especially - with one of its biggest challenges.

County Councillor for Chandler's Ford, Colin Davidovitz says; "Put simply, we had two choices, bury our head in the sand or give people and organisations across the county the opportunity to give their views and opinions on the future services for adults in need of support and care."

The Conservative-led authority has set up the Commission of Enquiry on the Future of Adult Social Care which has been holding public hearings - in Winchester - during much of 2008.

The driving force behind this move is a Government wish to provide adult social care that is more personalised. The so-called Personalisation Agenda will be a fundamental change to the way social care services for adults are being delivered and it is expected that it will

bring about much better outcomes for people in need and their carers and will ensure that they are afforded choice, dignity and control in the way they lead their lives.

Prospective MP Steve Brine is backing the enquiry 100 per cent - it will report to Government later this year. "I attended an excellent session with the BBC's Peter White at our very own Discovery Centre in September and have discussed the challenges posed to Hampshire by the soaring cost of Adult Social Care with Colin Davidovitz and HCC Leader Cllr Ken Thornber on several occasions (pictured). That has allowed me to influence the debate and communicate experiences given to me by local people on this most important of subjects."



... and a challenge to the other parties

In Spring 2009 we will have local elections to Hampshire County Council. In these difficult times, it is more important than ever to reject political opportunism and present positive ideas. We challenge the other political parties in Chandler's Ford to see if they can focus on the real issues that affect local people – such as the future of adult social care – and put forward their positive vision for the people of Hampshire. The voters of this area deserve nothing less and will watch with great interest to see if their local politicians can rise to this challenge!

You can find out more www.stevebrine.com/adultsocialcare

More online ...

Conservatives have unveiled plans for a world-class rail link to cut pollution and bridge the North-South divide

More online ...

Former England footballer has backed David Cameron's plans for a National Citizen Service for 16-year olds.

More online ...

A Tory Government will give patients the opportunity to choose a single room in NHS hospitals to give dignity and safety in hospital.

Steve's 5-minute survey

Everyone's leading busy lives nowadays - but we hope you can take 5 to tell Steve what you think!

Your views on the economy:

Are you worried about your job at the moment?
Yes No Other _____

Do you think things will get better/worse/stay the same over the next 18 months?

Worse Better Stay the same

Your views on the local NHS:

Are you happy with the local hospital?
Yes No Fortunately no experience

Are you satisfied with your local GP surgery?

Yes No Unsure

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile / Tel: _____

Email: _____

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Thank you for your time

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Your views on crime:

Is tackling low level vandalism and anti-social behaviour important to you?
Yes No Unsure

Do you think local police officers are visible and available when called?

Yes No Unsure

When Chandler's Ford next votes at a General Election, who will you support as Prime Minister?

Gordon Brown, Labour

David Cameron, Conservatives

Caroline Lucas, Green

Nick Clegg, Liberal Party

A LOCAL plan for change!

At the next election, we will have a clear choice - a fresh new Conservative Government led by David Cameron or more of the same from Gordon Brown's failing Labour Party. Steve Brine is an independent thinker who will always put his constituency ahead of his party and that is why so many Liberal Democrat voters are saying they will put their trust in the Conservatives again at the next election.

It will be close here in Chandler's Ford - and whatever the polls say - in the country as a whole. If this area wants change, we are going to have to vote for it.

Local family man Steve Brine is standing for the Conservatives. He lives locally with his wife Susie and baby daughter, Emily who was born at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital last November.

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