

# CHANDLER'S FORD POST

for Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury, from Prospective Conservative MP, Steve Brine

## Fighting the Superbugs

### 'Bold and innovative' work of hospital praised as Shadow Health Secretary visits

Prospective Conservative MP for Chandler's Ford, Steve Brine, welcomed a senior member of David Cameron's Shadow Cabinet to the area recently.

Health supremo, Andrew Lansley, came to the Royal Hampshire County Hospital to see the 'breakthrough' work being done by the Winchester & Eastleigh Healthcare Trust to fight the MRSA superbug. Staff at the hospital claim they have discovered a new way to help fight the spread of infection which, they say, could have national implications.

It involves better management of what is called a cannula, a thin tube inserted by needle under the skin to administer

intravenous fluids. The tubes can now only be prescribed by a doctor and are flushed daily with saline solution to spot early signs of any infection.

Now Dr Chris Gordon, Consultant Physician, believes this could slash infection rates and save lives in hospitals across the UK.

Mr Lansley said: "A 'zero-tolerance' approach to MRSA has to be the way forward across the whole country and treating cannulae as a prescribed event is an excellent example of a 'search-and-destroy' strategy that is working. It is not good enough to set an arbitrary target because even one is too many."

Steve Brine added: "The Trust ambition to have an infection-free hospital in Winchester is exactly where we should be aiming and it's nothing less than local people expect. There will always be set-backs along the way but we should congratulate those working at the Royal Hampshire for really setting the standard in such a bold and innovative way. We should be aiming to spread best practice to neighbouring hospitals, including the General in Southampton."

While at the hospital, Mr Lansley also saw ambitious plans for the Royal Hampshire - which will see a new hospital emerge next year - and met with staff to discuss a wide range of current issues across the NHS.



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Dr Chris Gordon, left, Shadow Health Secretary Andrew Lansley MP and Prospective Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine, chat to a Ward Sister

### Latest poll just in...

Con – 45%

Lab – 24%

Lib Dem – 16%

A recent ComRes poll for the *Independent on Sunday* (July 08) shows a healthy lead for David Cameron's Conservatives. People in Chandler's Ford will soon have a chance to play their part in removing Gordon Brown's failing Labour Party and elect a fresh new Government that is committed to social justice and a cleaner, greener, fairer society.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF



### Cracking down on underage drinking

Local Community Safety Officers (pictured) plan to take their tough message on underage drinking into Winchester's schools, following impressive results in the past six months.

The CSO's, who are employed by Tory-led Hampshire County Council, say 95% of the alcohol seized from people drinking in Winchester's central Alcohol Exclusion Zone between October 2007 and March 2008 came from under 18's. They operate a 'yellow card' scheme, which acts as an early warning system and involves the parent or guardian of the young person caught misbehaving.

Steve Brine, who is standing to become our next MP, says: "The patrols and the 'yellow card' system have obviously had an effect and that can only be positive when tackling anti-social behaviour in the City. It is important, however, that the CSO's are backed up by the continuing use of the 101 non-emergency number, a vibrant programme of youth activities and strong family units if we are to make continuing progress."

# Supporting our forces and their families

*Conservatives launch new commission to protect Military Covenant in support of local service personnel*

Conservatives, locally and nationally, are working hard for service personnel and their families. Here in Winchester and Chandler's Ford, local City Councillors and the area's Prospective MP, Steve Brine, have supported calls to retain a strong military presence locally.

Local military personnel have been warmly welcomed back from service in Iraq and Afghanistan, others have marched in Freedom Parades and the future of Worthy Down in Winchester and Southwick Park in the Meon Valley have been secured.

Nationally, David Cameron is showing wholehearted support for the British armed forces. The Opposition Leader has recently launched the 'Military Covenant Commission' to examine the health of the military covenant and how Government and society can better support the military. He has also promised a Forces' Families Manifesto at the next election.



Returning soldiers march through Winchester City Centre in January of this year

Steve Brine says: "The commission is gathering evidence from service personnel, their families and the public. It is one way for everyone to have their say on how the Government should look after the interests of the extended military family. My website contains more information on this and a way to have your say. I would urge you to take part if at all possible."

Visit the website and have your say at: [www.stevebrine.com/military](http://www.stevebrine.com/military) or email: [military@stevebrine.com](mailto:military@stevebrine.com)

**"Soldiers will be called upon to make personal sacrifices in the service of the Nation. In return, British soldiers must always be able to expect fair treatment, to be valued and respected as individuals, and that they (and their families) will be sustained and rewarded."**

Extract from the Military Covenant

# We must help elderly couples to stay together

*Conservative Leader, David Cameron, says pensioners should not have to sell their homes to pay for residential care*

He said it was one of the "great unfairnesses" that people who had saved money and "done the right thing" were then more likely to fail a means test and face having to sell their home. "I think what we can do is look at schemes like they have in certain American states, where if you put a bit aside to pay for maybe the first year... or two years of residential care... the state will guarantee that's all you have to pay for," he said.

At the moment, anyone with assets of more than £22,250 has to pay for a place in a care home, which can cost tens of thousands of pounds a year.

Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for the new Constituency covering Winchester and Chandler's Ford, Steve Brine, threw his weight behind the need for change and told *The Chandler's Ford Post*: "One of the true ways we should judge a compassionate society is how it

looks after its senior citizens when they need help the most."

He continued: "To be fair to the current Government, they have talked much about this issue. We have to find a way to keep couples together and save them from a situation where they have to sell everything they ever worked for, live



Steve Brine discusses the issues around long-term care with local people

apart and drain the inheritance they want to pass onto their kids, just to pay for their care in old age.

"I think we also need to look at the wider point, which is to transform the lives of the so-called 'sandwich' generation of grown-up children with frail elderly parents. We need plans to allow people caring for elderly relatives to go to work without losing benefit payments. At the moment, many are reluctant to take up work or further their careers because as soon as they earn more than £95 a week they lose support from the state."

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?  
Has the care crisis affected you?**

Join the debate at [www.stevebrine.com/socialcare](http://www.stevebrine.com/socialcare)

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## 'Check-out' Steve on the till!



**Steve Brine dropped into Waitrose in Oakmount Road recently, to help the team at the store launch their 'green till' initiative... and got more than he bargained for!**

The man hoping to become the new MP for Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and North Millers Dale rolled up his sleeves to serve some of the customers in Waitrose.

Local family man, Steve, was on hand when the supermarket began trials of its new 'green till'.

"It is all part of the move towards plastic bag-free shopping and is a really positive move from the

managers and staff at Waitrose", Steve told *The Chandler's Ford Post*.

"I think the customers were perhaps a little surprised to see a Prospective Member of Parliament in a suit sitting at the checkout scanning their groceries, but I have certainly learned a new skill - and believe me, it's not as easy as it looks!"

## A helping hand for local groups

**Volunteers do valuable work for our local community - and Hampshire County Councillor, Colin Davidovitz, has been busy helping a number of local organisations most in need.**

Last year, when the Age Concern Hall in Brownhill Road needed a large sum to meet the demands of new fire regulations, Colin stepped in with a grant from the Conservative-controlled Authority to meet the costs.

Colin has also helped the Chandler's Ford Community Responders recently. He told *The Chandler's Ford Post*: "When I heard they needed equipment to deal with local life-threatening emergencies, we were able to contribute to the cost of purchasing 'Heartstart' medical equipment.

"We have also supported the North Millers Dale Residents' Association - who needed money for extra storage facilities - and we stepped in to support the Parkview Community Group at Hiltingbury, when they needed cash to buy outside play equipment for young children."



If your organisation is in need of a small amount of financial support to help it with its work in the community, you can contact Cllr. Colin Davidovitz by email at: colin.dav@hants.gov.uk

or write to him: c/o The Coach House, Worthy Park, Abbots Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 1AN.

**Hampshire County Councillor for the Chandler's Ford Division, Cllr. Colin Davidovitz**

# Conservatives top the poll in Chandler's Ford

**Elections were held on May 1st 2008 for Eastleigh Borough Council - as you probably noticed!**

All four wards in Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury were being contested and it was a good day for the local Conservatives, who topped the poll across the area.

Prospective MP for Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury, Steve Brine, spoke to *The Chandler's Ford Post* after the counting had finished. "Congratulations to all the Conservative candidates who fought a decent, honest and 100% positive campaign in the local elections. We didn't waste our time - or yours - talking about our opponents, we just got on with the job," he said.

"I worked alongside all of our candidates in this campaign and met many of you myself along the way. Thanks so much for the support and encouragement you showed us all. The results at this election have demonstrated that, once again, when it comes to delivering local policies, people are putting their trust in local Conservatives."

**The Conservative Local Council Team, from left to right: Bruce Hodgson from Chandler's Ford West, Cllr. Godfrey Olson of Hiltingbury East, Helen Ricketts from Chandler's Ford East and Cllr. Michael Hughes of Hiltingbury West**



# The NEW Winchester & Chandler's Ford Constituency

Major changes to the Parliamentary Constituencies of Hampshire mean that people living in Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and North Millers Dale will have a new Member of Parliament after the next General Election - as part of the new **Winchester Constituency**.

This area remains in the Eastleigh Borough Council area - and it is there you will continue to pay Council Tax - but when it comes to electing a new MP, Chandler's Ford will join up with the City of Winchester and neighbouring villages, such as Compton and Hursley.



## Tell Steve what matters to YOU!

Your views are important to me. Please take a few minutes to complete and return this questionnaire - I want to hear what you think! Thank you for your time

Steve Brine

### Your views on healthcare:

Can you see an NHS dentist whenever you need to?

Yes  No  Don't know

Are you happy with the service offered by your local GP surgery?

Yes  No  Don't know

### Your views on crime:

Is tackling low level vandalism and anti-social behaviour important to you?

Yes  No  Don't know

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

Yes  No  Don't know

### Your views on the economy and the cost of living:

Are you feeling 'the pinch' in your finances at the moment?

Yes  No  Don't know

- I would like to deliver a few leaflets
- I can display a poster at election time
- I would like to join the local Conservatives
- I would like to donate to Steve's campaign

Please make cheques payable to Winchester Conservatives Fighting Fund and return to the address opposite

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Postcode:

What one thing would you like to see the Government do to help with the cost of living?

### Your views on planning:

We need more houses in the area.

Yes  No  Don't know

Should final planning decisions rest with local councillors?

Yes  No  Don't know

*There are bound to be many other issues that are important to you, which have not been covered in this short survey. If so, please contact me using the form below or get in touch via my website at: [www.stevebrine.com](http://www.stevebrine.com)*

Please return your completed survey to:

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