



# Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

*Produced at no cost to the taxpayer by local Conservative MP Steve Brine and delivered by volunteers across Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and North Millers Dale.*

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## RHCH to keep core services

*Local MP pleased as A&E and Maternity confirmed in Winchester after merger takes place*

Fears that Winchester hospital would lose its maternity and emergency care services when the proposed merger with Basingstoke takes place next year have been allayed.



Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine has been campaigning for years to retain a full District General Hospital (DGH) in the city and said these services were central to making that happen.

Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust will come together with the Winchester & Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust early next year. Steve Brine has previously spoken of the new organisation providing a unique 'opportunity' for Winchester.

He told The Chandler's Ford Post; "A&E and Maternity are not all that matters but they were always my red lines because without them you don't have a DGH worthy of the name. The new organisation has to keep all three of its hospitals thriving (Winchester, Basingstoke and Andover) if we want to build a long-term sustainable Trust that GPs and patients have confidence in. I am pleased with the assurances given but will be keeping very close tabs on the new Trust as we move forward."

More: [www.stevebrine.com/localnhs](http://www.stevebrine.com/localnhs)



## MP secures key Commons debate

Local MP Steve Brine secured a debate in the House of Commons recently to discuss the future of children's heart surgery at Southampton General Hospital.

He worked with a cross-party group of MPs to question the *Safe & Sustainable* review into congenital heart services across England. It is making recommendations to reduce the current eleven centres to seven and has come up with four options to cluster these services across the country.

Speaking in the debate, after delivering a 240,000 name petition to Downing Street in support of Southampton, Steve said; "Despite being right at the top of the list when it comes to quality of care, Southampton appears in just one of the four cluster options and is therefore under real threat. The debate was critical in making the case for Southampton and forced Ministers to accept that the review should not be tightly bound by the original four clusters."

More: [www.stevebrine.com/heartsurgery](http://www.stevebrine.com/heartsurgery)

## Proposed boundary changes (again!)

*Change could be on the cards again for Chandler's Ford*

The coalition Government has decided it wants to reduce the size of the House of Commons by 10 per cent.

To make this possible, the Boundary Commission for England has been asked to propose a radical re-drawing of the country's electoral map - and residents in Chandler's Ford can probably guess what's coming next.

The Commission produced its draft proposals in September 2011 and they propose yet another change for Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and North Millers Dale. Residents would move out of the current 'Winchester' constituency (pictured) and into a re-shaped 'Eastleigh' seat.

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine says; "I would be really sad to see Chandler's Ford go from the Winchester seat because local

residents have been moved quite enough in recent years. It seems every election brings a new MP for the area.

"As a local councillor said to me when we heard the news - Chandler's Ford doesn't move, it's everywhere else that can't make up its mind!"

If you would like to see more and have your say in the consultation, which lasts until 5 December 2011, please go to:

[www.stevebrine.com/boundaries](http://www.stevebrine.com/boundaries)



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**News** IN BRIEF**MP speaks to local Parkinson's group**

Steve Brine recently met up with the local Parkinson's branch as they held one of their meetings in Winchester. Steve, who is Vice-Chair of the All-Party Group for Parkinson's in Parliament, discussed a range of issues, including access to specialised services, current campaigns and the key role of partners as carers.



You can see more and watch a short-film via:  
[www.stevebrine.com/parkinsons](http://www.stevebrine.com/parkinsons)

**Call for action over IR35**

There are increasing calls on the Government to scrap the tax known as 'IR35'. The levy, which many freelancers say is driving them out of the country, was introduced in 2000 and has drawn wide criticism from groups such as the Professional Contractors Group. Their recent study showed it was not producing tangible benefits for the Treasury. Local MP Steve Brine says; "I have always felt IR35 was a regressive tax. The Chancellor should remove this barrier to economic growth and do it as soon as possible."

More: [www.stevebrine.com/ir35](http://www.stevebrine.com/ir35)

**New radio station launches**

Steve Brine joined students at the University of Winchester as he launched the exciting new Sound Radio at the annual Freshers' Fayre last month. It is the official radio station of the Student Union at the University and while only available online at present, will broadcast on a temporary FM licence this Christmas

More: [www.sound-radio.co.uk](http://www.sound-radio.co.uk)

**New cold calling zone**

Cllr Godfrey Olson received almost unanimous support from residents of a large section of Peverells Wood when asked if they would like the area to be declared a "No Cold Calling Zone". Residents had complained that they were constantly being bothered by callers offering them goods and services that they had not requested.

Signs being funded by the Chandler's Ford Parish Council declaring a number of roads as a "No Cold Calling Zone" will shortly be erected.

**Carers Week 2011**

**Local MP Steve Brine joined Chandler's Ford carers in Eastleigh as he held a special surgery to mark Carers Week this Summer.**

Joining One Community at their Carers Centre in Wells Place, the MP heard how the organisation supports over 500 carers across the Borough of Eastleigh, including Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury which fall into his constituency.

Steve said: "I really was delighted to come along and support One Community at this event, particularly as it took place in Carers Week. I know they provide really flexible support for local carers, and they strive to ease the lives of those who work so hard to support others."

More: [www.1community.org.uk](http://www.1community.org.uk)



■ Steve joins One Community organisers at the Wells Place surgery.

**MP visit to Chandler's Ford Care Home**

■ Steve Brine is pictured above with Christine Stiney, the manager of the care home.

**Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine paid a visit to the former Southern Cross Care Home in Chandler's Ford as the organisation prepared to transfer ownership of its 752 care homes.**

The MP met with Managers, staff and residents at the home, on Winchester Road, as news emerged that a new company called HC-One will take over the running of the Southern Cross home from the start of November. The Chandler's Ford home will continue to be owned by its landlord NHP.

Steve said: "The Southern Cross collapse has of course been big news this year and I know it caused a great deal of worry for my constituents at the Chandler's Ford Home, staff and relatives. I wanted to visit myself once the transfer of ownership was clear and meet the team who do such good work for some of my most vulnerable constituents."

**Council tax freeze extended for another year**

**Money to extend a council tax freeze in England to 2012-13 has been unveiled by Chancellor George Osborne.**

The government cannot force councils to freeze bills but it is offering to give those that limit spending rises to 2.5% the money they need. A similar pledge was included in the coalition agreement and Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council were able to take advantage of the offer for local people.

The Chancellor made the announcement in his speech to last month's Conservative Party Conference where he also said there would be no deviation from the coalition Government's deficit reduction plan. He also said that the perilous state of the UK economy meant he could not promise new tax cuts.

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine adds; "I am a believer in low taxes, for individuals and businesses but I think tax cuts should be for life not just for Christmas. To cut taxes now and to increase our borrowing to do it would be the height of irresponsibility and only make things worse."

Mr Osborne used his speech to set out a number of new

measures to support business and help rebalance the economy, including the introduction of a new Treasury backed 'credit easing' programme.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/conference11](http://www.stevebrine.com/conference11)



■ Steve Brine recently visited major local employer Arqiva at its HQ near Crawley and received a fascinating insight into their groundbreaking work.

# Story time with local MP

Steve Brine dropped into Caterpillar Hill Children's Centre in Chandler's Ford recently to meet the team – and read the kids a story!

Caterpillar Hill is a phase III children's centre based above the library in Chandler's Ford and is delivered by The Children's Society under the leadership of Kirsty Reed.



MP Steve Brine said: "Caterpillar Hill is a first rate children's centre by any measure. I left knowing my constituents are extremely well served by the team there. It was a real pleasure to meet with staff and parents and it was home from home for me when they asked me to take story time!"

**Caterpillar Hill serves families in Chandler's Ford but also in Compton & Otterbourne. You can get in touch: [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)**

## News IN BRIEF

### 'Great Expectations' for Autism care

MP Steve Brine hosted the National Autistic Society at the House of Commons recently and launched their 'Great Expectations' report. The Government's education reforms present what campaigners have described as a 'chance of a lifetime' to shape the future of a generation of children with autism. Steve was joined at the event by NAS President Jane Asher. More:

[www.stevebrine.com/greatexpectations](http://www.stevebrine.com/greatexpectations)

### Giving Voice to speech therapy

Speech therapists in Winchester have unveiled their 'Giving Voice' campaign to raise the profile of their services locally at a special event in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital. Local MP Steve Brine attended with his wife Susie (who is a speech therapist) and listened to a short presentation from the



Adult Speech Therapy Manager, before taking some time to chat to guests, including consultants, education representatives and children and adults who receive SLT services.

More: [www.givingvoiceuk.org](http://www.givingvoiceuk.org)

### Twyford traffic 'summit' held

Local MP Steve Brine has delivered on a key promise made to the village of Twyford at last year's General Election. He brought the leaders of Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council and Twyford Parish Council together round one table with the police, the 'Traffic in Twyford' group and a local city councillor for a special traffic 'summit'. The meeting was designed to put the traffic, speed, route and parking issues of the village right at the top of the agenda for those with the power to change things.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/twyfordtraffic](http://www.stevebrine.com/twyfordtraffic)

### Charity song launched



A charity single that aims to raise money for Cancer Research had its official launch recently. The single, written and performed by Karen Mann of Winchester, is called 'Why oh Why' and was recorded following the death of her best friend to bowel cancer in 2010. Winchester MP Steve Brine secured Karen free studio time to record the track, which is now on-sale.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/karenmann](http://www.stevebrine.com/karenmann)

## Students launch new business

Two Chandler's Ford entrepreneurs have created an iPhone app with a difference as they seek to launch a brand new business.

Adam Sideserf and Tom Millson (pictured) came up with the Par-Tee app as a result of wanting to create a virtual golf course where 'golfers' look through the camera on their iPhone and the course appears laid over the top.

The app was launched on 31st August, and the pair met local MP Steve Brine, who has worked in the golf industry, to demonstrate the game. He says; "As soon as I heard about the Par Tee app I saw its potential and I love the fact this is a first venture from two young, enthusiastic local entrepreneurs."

More: [www.par-tee.co.uk](http://www.par-tee.co.uk) or visit the iStore.



## In Westminster

Local MP Steve Brine continues to be one of the most hard-working MPs in Parliament, in addition to his work locally. He is heavily involved in a number of influential All-Party Groups and works hard holding Ministers to account on behalf of his constituents. His recent work includes;

- Serving on the Energy Bill Committee
- Fighting for better education of Service Children
- Serving on the Health & Social Care Bill Committee
- Questioning Michael Gove on school reform
- Promoting Winchester local TV with DCMS Ministers
- Hosting visiting groups from local schools
- Taking local groups to meet Ministers
- Meeting visiting lobby groups from the constituency
- Co-hosting debate on Children's Heart Surgery
- Chairing the All-Party Breast Cancer Group
- Vice-Chair of the All-Party Autism, Cycling, Speech Therapy and Parkinson's Group
- Hosting events for national charities such as National Autism Society

You can see much (much) more:

[www.stevebrine.com/westminster](http://www.stevebrine.com/westminster)

# Your Say...

Steve Brine MP and the local Conservatives don't just campaign at election time. As you can see from the pages of this newspaper, we are active all the time. But we also want to hear from you and hope you will take a few minutes to complete this short survey and send it back to Winchester Conservatives, Manor Farm, Itchen Stoke, Alresford SO24 0QT.

1. Do you believe Chandler's Ford needs to build some new houses?

- Yes
- No

**Your Say** - if yes; where would you like to see them built?

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2. What would you like to see on the Draper Tools site in the future?

**Your Say** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Would you support the building of new council homes in the area?

- Yes
- No

**Your Say** \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How are you feeling about the Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition Government at the moment?

- Overall positive
- Overall negative
- Neither/too soon to comment

**Your Say** \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You can also complete this survey (with much more space for your comments!) via [www.stevebrine.com/survey](http://www.stevebrine.com/survey)

# New business serves up new dish with a difference

Sri Lankan Cuisine is a new business, based in Pantheon Road, Chandler's Ford and it's a real family affair.



The family, led by my mum Haleema, are cooking up authentic home cooked curries, and now specialise in catering for events, with a home delivery service available on a pre-order basis. The business, which has been operating since July 2010, also holds a monthly restaurant service from the Forte Tea Rooms in the centre of Winchester.

Local MP Steve Brine dropped into the kitchen recently to meet the family and hear their plans for the future. He says; "I am a big fan of curries but I



must admit Sri Lankan is something I haven't tried before. It's always good to see a new business get off the ground locally and even better when it tastes this good!"

The family are looking for more local venues to host their restaurant nights. If you would like to work with them, do get in touch.

See more: [www.srilankancuisine.co.uk](http://www.srilankancuisine.co.uk)

## Summer Tour 2011

Winchester & Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine, was busy in the constituency during Parliament's annual recess holding his first Summer Tour.

Steve took his busy constituency surgery out and about during August and September 2011. He says; "I have always said we don't just knock on doors at election time and I hope the Summer Tour proved that once again. The team and I had a great time; I cannot wait until Summer Tour 2012 but hope for slightly better weather next time!"

This year's tour ended in Chandler's Ford, at the Fryern Arcade where Steve and Cllr Olson are pictured chatting with residents.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/summertour11](http://www.stevebrine.com/summertour11)



## Family days



50 Fabulously Fun Family Days Out is a comprehensive guide to family days out in and around Hampshire, all of which are affordable or free.

Compiled by local families, it gives insider knowledge on solutions to potential problems, such as when it is best to visit, what to take and what to expect upon arrival. It has been produced by Compton School Association, the charity set up to fundraise for Compton All Saints Primary School and has received support from Hampshire County Council.

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine (pictured with his children and Popcorn!) recently met the book's creators Louise Turner and Jo Fowle and offered to help by selling the book (which costs just £5) through his office at 9 Stockbridge Road, Winchester.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/50fundays](http://www.stevebrine.com/50fundays)

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