

Steve Brine MP

My Year at a Glance

- May 2012** – Visited Winchester Stroke Support Group in Winnall, met a local lady on a mission to revolutionise the lives of hard-of-hearing people in business, and tasted two dozen varieties of soup at the Alresford Watercress Festival.
- June 2012** – Marked Armed Forces Week at Great Hall and helped raise money for breastfeeding group B.A.B.I.E.S. Held a special Carers Week surgery in Eastleigh, welcomed Thornden School to Parliament, and supported the Alresford Music Festival.
- July 2012** – Summer Tour 2012 holds a busy street surgery at the Fryern Arcade, an al fresco surgery in Highcliffe and canvassing session in Kings Worthy. Also launched my own smartphone App and welcomed the Olympic Torch to Winchester (pictured right with Susie, Emily and William).
- August 2012** – Summer Tour continues including visits to Oliver's Battery, Twyford and Weeke plus holding a surgery inside Sutton Scotney Fire Station!
- September 2012** – Visited A4e to see the Work Programme in action locally, made a site visit with EDF Energy to hear of their plans for a wind farm at Bullington Cross and opened a Basics Bank collection point at my 'shop'. Also received a petition (relay style) for new leisure centre in Winchester (pictured right).
- October 2012** – Visited the Winchester City Flyers football team, learnt about Winchester Pregnancy Crisis Centre, opened the refurbished Yellow Dot Nursery in Otterbourne, joined The Hampshire Chronicle at its 240th birthday celebrations and visited Stanmore Primary School.
- November 2012** – Saw first-hand the speed camera trial in Hursley, attended the 'first cut' of new council homes in Micheldever, supported the CLIC Sargent Christmas Fair in Crawley and the launch of To Honour a Promise; to commemorate Winchester's role in the Great War.
- December 2012** – Read a lesson at Winchester Cathedral's Carol Service, visited Royal Mail at Winnall with mince pies to thank our posties and cheered the King's Royal Hussars Homecoming Parade in the High Street.
- January 2013** – Opened new aquaculture facilities at Sparsholt College, visited Kings Worthy Primary School, met with CALA Homes to discuss their new planning permission, worked with Chandler's Ford councillors on future bus services, launched Christian Aid IF campaign, attended opening of new Stanmore Community Library and visited Hampshire Probation Service with Justice Secretary Chris Grayling.
- February 2013** – George Osborne and Vince Cable gave the local business community the thumbs up, opened WINAcc's Green Deal shop, took DFID Minister Lynne Featherstone to RHCH to hear of their work in South Sudan and launched 3Women – a new support organisation for women in business.
- March 2013** – Visited Winchester Autism Group, helped two dynamic Kings Schoolboys promote Abano Fitness, warmed up the Winchester Litterpickers with a cuppa, responded to a damning report into Winchester Prison, held street surgeries in Twyford and Alresford (pictured bottom), and visited All Saints and Henry Beaufort schools.
- April 2013** – Met the Duchess of Cambridge at Naomi House, helped Teg Down residents get their phones reconnected after three weeks, re-opened the Chandler's Ford Care Home and guest-read at Winchester Talking Newspaper.
- May 2013** – Supported my candidates for the County Council elections which led to stunning Conservative gains in the city and Colden Common/Twyford plus a comfortable win in Chandler's Ford. Supported Funtasia on The Fryern Rec and sad to mark the passing of my predecessor Rear Admiral Morgan Morgan-Giles.



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what you say about your local MP

"Thanks so much for your help! We are really proud to be residents of Winchester, and to have such an efficient MP."
Chaw Poh and Oi Lay, Colden Common



"In 35 years I have not really bothered to vote, but you have changed my thoughts... After all your help and support I now have faith Steve, thank you so much for your time."
Rob Hall, Kings Worthy



"You do not realise how much your support has made me feel, I have been listened to and now my family can do what we believe is best. I am so thankful that words cannot express how I feel to the extent I am currently sat at my desk in tears."
Harriet Smallbone, Chandler's Ford



"I am not given to flattery but I do tell folk that Winchester seems to have acquired a pretty decent MP."
Tim Walden, Alresford

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Annual Report

2012/2013

For Winchester, Alresford, Chandler's Ford and surrounding villages from Conservative MP Steve Brine

Dear Resident,

Three years ago I stood to be your local Member of Parliament. I promised to be the best constituency MP we've ever had, a hard-working backbencher in the House of Commons and, where necessary, an independent minded MP not afraid to stand up to the party whips.

I hope I have managed to do all three of those things so far and I plan to continue in the same vein.

This Annual Report – my third – reports back on a busy past 12 months and covers some of my work locally and in Parliament. I am finding my place on the Justice Select Committee really useful and have included some information on our latest work as well as details of my Summer Tour which takes place each July and August. Overleaf you will also find a month-by-month guide covering as much of my activity in the past year as I can squeeze in.

As always, I am only able to provide a snapshot in this report so I would urge you to find me online at www.stevebrine.com for a wide range of news stories, details of my local campaigns, how you can have a tour of Parliament (and even attend PMQs) and my comprehensive 'Where You Live' pages. If you are not online, you can also pop into my constituency 'shop' in Stockbridge Road, Winchester.

I hope you enjoy this report and thank you for your ongoing support and courtesy as I go about my work as your local MP.

Best wishes,

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and Chandler's Ford

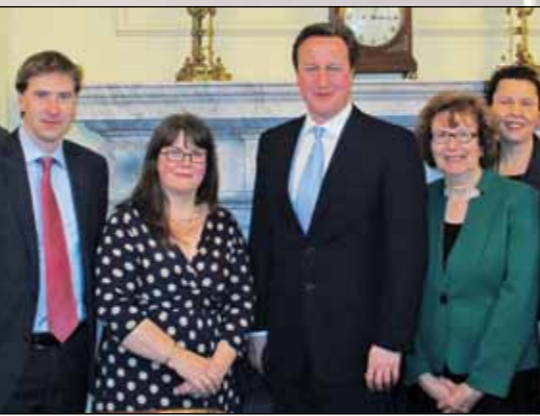
WESTMINSTER REPORT

CHAIRING MAJOR HEALTH INQUIRY

I chaired a major parliamentary inquiry in April and May 2013 on the subject of older people with breast cancer.

The inquiry, which explores access to treatment, services and support for people with the condition, is being organised by Breakthrough and The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Breast Cancer of which I am co-chair.

A wide-range of witnesses gave evidence to the inquiry, including respected Winchester breast surgeon Dick Rainsbury, which will report to the Prime Minister (pictured right with colleagues) in July 2013.



More information at www.stevebrine.com/breastcancer

WORK IN THE HOUSE

- Some of my work this past year in Westminster:
- Leading a debate on police cautions for young people
 - Asking the Prime Minister about new school places locally
 - Finally getting Park Homes Bill 2013 onto the statute book
 - Hosting college leaders from Peter Symonds, Sparsholt and Barton Peveril to lobby Ministers
 - Campaigning to bring justice where interest-rate swaps were mis-sold to businesses
 - Speaking out against unscrupulous pay-day loan lenders
 - Playing a leading role in the major Get Britain Cycling inquiry
 - Challenging Ministers on the threat to our bee population
 - Speaking in support of the Hiltingbury Sikh population
 - And welcoming many groups and schools from the constituency to Westminster

For much more visit www.stevebrine.com/westminster

AN INDEPENDENT MINDED MP

Since 2010 I have worked hard as a backbench MP in Parliament – and supporter of the coalition Government – but have also shown I am an independent minded MP.

Of course I support the Prime Minister and his Deputy when they do the right thing (and stick to it) but I won't be an MP who slavishly follows the Government whips. There have been issues, such as demanding a referendum on our relationship with the EU and Nick Clegg's poorly thought through plans for Lords reform, where I have voted against a 3-line whip and if necessary I would do so again.



I am now a regular guest on several national TV and radio programmes, including Radio 4's Westminster Hour.



In April 2013, I arranged for Winchester's Blue Apple Theatre Company to perform in the House of Commons. More at www.stevebrine.com/blueapple

TOURS & PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

Constituents who would like a tour of Parliament or to climb Big Ben need only get in touch. Larger school, college or university groups can also be arranged. Please contact me as overleaf.



Speaking during a select committee meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE WORK

I serve on the influential Justice Select Committee where I work closely with Labour MPs, Plaid Cymru's Elfyn Llwyd MP and Lib Dem Chairman Sir Alan Beith MP.

In the past year Committee work has included inquiries or published reports on Women Offenders, Older Prisoners, Post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information Act and Youth Justice. A real highlight for me was the vast piece of work we did this year on young offenders. We are clear we want to see youngsters who get into trouble punished for their crimes but to help them turn their lives around. That means a secure youth estate that focuses on education as much as anything else and the Government's response so far has been refreshing. But we also want to see a step-change in how we divert them away from getting into trouble, and into contact with the criminal justice system, in the first place.

More information at www.stevebrine.com/jsc



I chaired a discussion with young political leaders in Copenhagen when the Committee visited Denmark.

SUMMER TOUR SHINES BRIGHTLY

Some people believe MPs put their feet up each Summer and some MPs may even do that!

I on the other hand prefer to embark on a Summer Tour each July and August, taking my surgery into the heart of local communities, knocking on doors (for no reason other than to say hello) and holding street surgeries. **My Summer Tour for 2013 kicks off on 22nd July in Kings Worthy.** If you would like the team to visit your area or even to hold a special open surgery in your community at some future date, please get in touch.

More details of Steve's Summer Tour are at www.stevebrine.com/summertour



Joined by local Cllrs, residents and my dog Popcorn at the Fryern Arcade, Chandler's Ford for Summer Tour 2012.



£10M FOR SCHOOL PLACES

In last year's annual report I reported how one of my biggest campaigns of the year – and indeed since becoming your MP – was to help address the urgent need for new primary school places in Winchester.

Alongside many local parents (and parents-to-be) I led calls for Hampshire County Council to make the new provision and they have responded handsomely with a plan to spend just over £10m in my constituency.

Whichever way you look at it that's a success for our area because without it, children starting school next year would have been literally left with nowhere to go!

In July of last year Cllr Roy Perry (who was comfortably re-elected to the County Council this May and is now Leader of the authority)



announced the decision which will bring 420 new primary places online by September 2014. This will include a new all-through school at Westgate in Fulford where there remains much detail still to be worked out on local travel plans and a compromise must be reached with residents. In addition we have the enlargement of Winnall Primary School and St Peter's Catholic Primary School. Additional investment will also be made by the Conservative-run council at All Saints Primary School in Highcliffe, Harestock Primary School and Western Primary School.

More details at www.stevebrine.com/schoolplaces



In November 2012 I organised a large public meeting with ex-DFID Minister Stephen O'Brien to discuss the UK Aid programme. More www.stevebrine.com/ukaid



It has been quite an eye-opener to be closely involved with the saving of a football club; pictured here with Dave Malone of the emerging Winchester City Community FC.

SUCCESSES THIS YEAR – WE LIKE...

CHILDREN'S HEART SURGERY: After years of campaigning the Safe & Sustainable Review gave the thumbs up to paediatric cardiac surgery in Southampton. **More www.stevebrine.com/childrenshearturgery**

KINGS WORTHY POWER: A series of blackouts in the village (and nearby) led to some stern words with SSE Power and a £2m plan to secure the future of supply. **More www.stevebrine.com/powercuts**

SAFE CROSSINGS: Worked with residents and schools in St Cross and on Andover Road to bring desperately needed new crossings.

ALRESFORD STAYS: A cunning plan to move Alresford out of the Winchester constituency (and tack it onto Fleet!) was seen off.

HIGH STREET MARKET: After a serious accident involving a schoolboy and a bus, a safety overhaul was demanded and delivered by the City Council.

M3 JUNCTION 9: £400,000 will be spent as part of the 'pinchpoint' programme to re-designate lanes, improve signage and ease traffic flow.