



Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

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IT'S THE ECONOMY...

Local MP Steve Brine says there's so much at stake this year.

This year's General Election – due in May – is the most important, and unpredictable, in a generation. In five years, Britain has moved from being on the brink to becoming the fastest growing economy in the Western World.

Steve Brine has been our Member of Parliament since 2010. He told The Chandler's Ford Post; "I have seen first-hand the work that has been done to give our country the recovery that is now producing growth, more jobs and better wages. It would be criminal to turn back now."

The MP, who ran a small business himself before being elected to Parliament, said it was not however all about Westminster.

"We said from the start this would be a Government that gets Britain open for business. Whether it's the lowest rate of corporation tax in the G20, or our Employment Allowance which has cut

National Insurance for every business by up to £2,000, we made that happen.

"Having a business friendly council matters too which is why I was so pleased to address a dedicated Chandler's Ford business breakfast recently. The overall jobless count in this area has fallen by 68% since 2010 but we want to go further. That means keeping and attracting quality employers in the area so there are well paid, professional jobs locally. That is the challenge I lay down for our Borough Council."



Steve on his feet in the House of Commons

More: Steve's Famous Five – what the recovery means here in Chandler's Ford, see page 2 and CONDOR come to town, see page 4.

MP SEES RESURFACING WORK FIRST HAND



A team from the Highways Agency invited MP Steve Brine to go out with them as resurfacing work continued on the M3 motorway at Chandler's Ford.

Last year, Ministers' responded to Mr Brine's long running campaign to bring a quieter surface to the road by confirming junctions 9-14 of the M3 will be resurfaced in the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17. However, just before Christmas, it was announced the work would be accelerated with completion due by April 2015.

Steve says; "It was so great when this campaign bore fruit late last year but I simply had to see it for myself to believe it was true so when the team invited me to join them overnight I jumped at the chance. This work is dirty, complex, highly skilled – and carried out while most of us are fast asleep. It was very strange to be standing on the carriageway of the M3 in the early hours of the morning but so good to actually see that worn down, noisy old surface taken away and a new quieter one put in its place."

More: www.stevebrine.com/M3noise

IT WILL ALWAYS BE 'PRIORITY NHS'

HEALTH FOCUS HERE TO STAY, SAYS STEVE

ASKtheNHS IN WINCHESTER

NEW OUTPATIENTS OPEN AT RHCH

HEALTH FOCUS REMAINS

MERGER OPPORTUNITY FOR HOSPITAL

STILL PRIORITY NHS

Steve Brine MP Health Check Survey 2014

Steve has a strong and consistent record on our local NHS

Steve Brine made the local NHS his top priority from day one and has pledged to do the same if he's re-elected as our MP in May.

He says; "We have huge challenges locally as the new Trust seeks to design hospital services that are safe and sustainable in the long-term. I will go on working calmly and responsibly to consider any proposed changes but do think the Trust have some way to go in making the case for a reconfigured maternity service for instance. That part still troubles me greatly. We have to understand the health economy across our entire area and see how that fits together in the context of the modern NHS for the long-term benefit of the people I represent."

He adds; "The NHS is changing fast and I want our area to benefit from new investment as well as be at the forefront of a drive for better outcomes on cancer and long-term conditions for instance.

"Alongside all of this, we need to manage sustainable access to GP services, the integration of NHS and social care and parity for mental health care locally."

Last year Steve surveyed every one of his more than 70,000 constituents on the NHS and chaired two open meetings to give local people a chance to question health chiefs.

More: www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs

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NEWS

from the House
IN BRIEF

HOMELESS DEBATE IN COMMONS

Steve Brine recently raised the issues of mental health and substance abuse among young homeless people during a debate in Parliament.

He spoke beforehand to Winchester Churches Night Shelter and Trinity, and told Parliament that whatever the colour of the next government, the next 'frontier' in tackling homelessness among young people must be a national focus on services working together to address multiple needs.

More: www.stevebrine.com/westminster

BODY WORN VIDEO FOR POLICE

Police Minister Mike Penning visited Winchester with Steve Brine (his Parliamentary Private Secretary at the Home Office) for a demonstration of how the body-worn police cameras work.

By the end of this year, every frontline police officer in Hampshire will be issued with a body-worn camera as the force becomes one of the first in the country to equip all its staff.



Minister Mike Penning and Steve with Sgt Kerry Lawrence, Chief Constable Andy Marsh and PCC Simon Hayes.

INHERITANCE TAX PUSH FROM MP

Steve Brine continues to lead calls for the Chancellor to raise the inheritance tax threshold in his next Budget.

Mr Brine was extremely angry that the Conservative manifesto idea was jettisoned from the Coalition agreement back in 2010, and is now pushing to spare families in his constituency the 40% 'death tax' on houses which many have lived in for years.

Steve Brine has written formally to George Osborne to demand that inheritance tax should only be paid by the very wealthy, not with a threshold set at £325,000, or £650,000 for a married couple.

NEW DRUG FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY FIGHT

Winchester & Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine has joined the fight for urgent access to a new rare disease treatment.

The campaign calls on NHS England to end delays to a breakthrough treatment which will allow some boys affected by a devastating muscle-wasting condition to stay on their feet for longer.

Steve Brine MP said: "A bureaucratic internal debate is currently preventing licensing of the drug Translarna, which can give these boys precious extra time on their feet.

"NHS England urgently needs to come up with a short-term solution as families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy do not have a single day to spare as their sons get weaker each day."

Westminster Report 'inside the Commons'

Being elected to Parliament for the first time is quite something as you can imagine but being thrust into a new Government right away – and a coalition Government at that – is an experience I will never forget.

There have been too many highlights to mention but my first PMQ stands out, that and just the sheer enormity of the

Palace of Westminster. As the recent BBC documentary showed, getting to know it is something you never manage even after 30 years!

My work on the influential Justice Select Committee was a fascinating chance to really learn the craft of a backbencher. My votes against a 3-line whip were, as I like to think, character forming.

In 2013 I joined the Government as a ministerial aide at the Department for Work and Pensions – and subsequently the Home Office – which has proved many things to me; not least that Yes Minister was spot on in almost every regard!

See more of my work in Westminster; www.stevebrine.com/westminster

SECURING OUR FUTURE



Steve with members of the South Wonston Senior Citizens Club and BELOW speaking recently in the House of Commons

The Famous 5...

Since 2010, we've been working to a long-term economic plan to turn Britain around. MP Steve Brine talks about the five key areas in which the coalition government has made a difference for those of us living across Winchester & Chandler's Ford.

- 1 There are now a record number of people in work in our country.** The overall jobless count in this area has fallen by 68% since 2010; it's down 46% among the over-50's and an impressive 79% among 18-24 year-olds. That's more people in work providing for their families or young people getting into work for the first time.
- 2 We've raised the personal income tax allowance to £10,000** meaning no-one working 30 hours a week on the minimum

wage will pay any. If we remain in Government we'll lift it to £12,500.

- 3 This Government has frozen petrol duty and council tax,** abolished Air Passenger Duty for under 12's and helped thousands get on the property ladder through Help to Buy.
- 4 We've capped benefits to reward work** and if we win in May, we will raise the higher rate threshold at which people pay the 40p tax rate to £50,000. It is currently £41,900.

- 5 The state pension has increased by £800,** we've protected key pensioners benefits as we promised and abolished the unfair annuity rule for over-75's.

All of this is possible because Britain now has the fastest growing economy in the Western World.

HOSTING THE EDITORS

Steve Brine recently hosted a group of parish magazine editors from across his constituency in the House of Commons, as they took a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster before meeting Steve for tea and biscuits.

Steve Brine said: "Every month since I was elected in 2010

I have written a column for around a dozen parish, church and community magazines.

"It's a huge task but worth it as residents read, and trust, these vital community channels. The visit to Westminster was a chance to take the tour, have a cup of tea and meet each other – and for me to say thank you."



FLOOD WORKS EXTENSION



Steve lends his shoulder to the effort in Littleton in February 2014 alongside Cllr James Byrnes

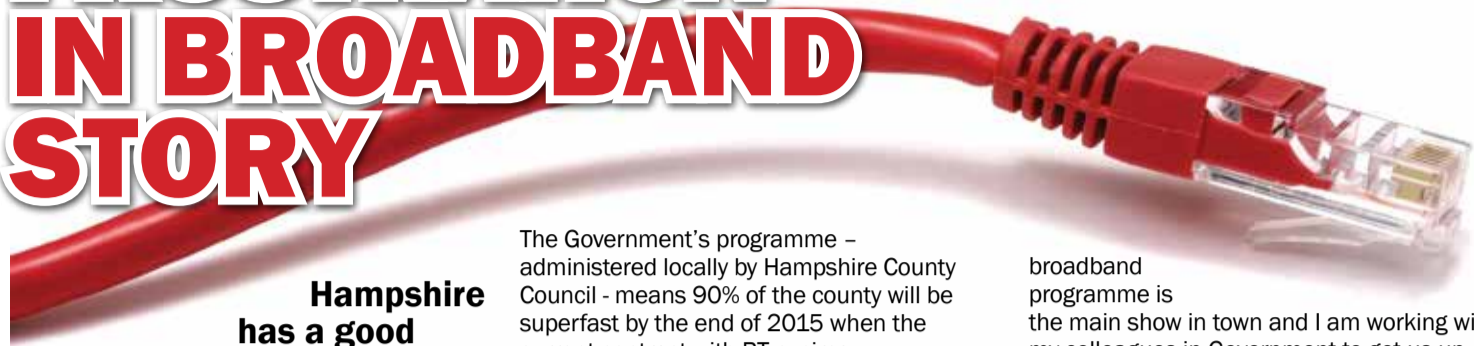
Winchester's MP has secured further good news for local people affected by last winter's flooding, as the government have now extended the deadline on those applying for financial help.

Following lobbying of the Treasury by Steve, the deadline has been extended until the end of 30th June 2015 for those affected between 1st December 2013 and 31st March 2014. This will help local authorities across England manage the allocation of the Repair and Renew Grant (RRG).

The RRG provides homeowners and businesses with up to £5,000 of grant funding to establish resilience measures to their property in order to minimise the risk or impact of any future flooding.

Steve says: "I'm really pleased our efforts have built further flexibility into the RRG scheme. Without this change, plans would not be able to go ahead in places such as Littleton because there is not enough time to do the work before the end of the financial year."

PROGRESS AND FRUSTRATION IN BROADBAND STORY



Hampshire has a good story to tell when it comes to connecting us to superfast broadband but success for the majority is leaving the rest hugely frustrated.

That is the assessment of local MP Steve Brine as he used a debate in Parliament to urge the Government to classify broadband as a vital utility alongside water and gas.

The Government's programme – administered locally by Hampshire County Council – means 90% of the county will be superfast by the end of 2015 when the current contract with BT expires.

Steve says; "The focus is now turning to the next 5% and I'm pleased we managed to secure a new £1.2m 'Innovation Fund' from Government which will be piloted here in Hampshire for some of the more remote rural communities. It will use a mixture of tailored solutions including fibre to the street cabinets, fibre connected directly to premises, and fixed wireless technology.

"The new fund is good but we shouldn't be distracted by it. Hampshire's superfast

broadband programme is the main show in town and I am working with my colleagues in Government to get us up to 95% coverage well ahead of the new BT contracted period which runs until 2019.

"However, at the same time I am pressing Ministers to consider how, through the next generation of 'innovation fund' as new and better technologies become available, we can make a reality of the often repeated sound-bite that broadband is the fourth main utility."

More: www.stevebrine.com/broadband

NEWS IN BRIEF

BIG TEAM IN CHANDLER'S FORD

A team of over 50 Conservative volunteers, including attentive campaign dog Popcorn, joined Steve Brine recently and spent the morning knocking on doors and chatting to local residents.



The session culminated in a drink and a chat in the King Rufus pub on Winchester Road.

Want to join the winning team for Chandler's Ford?

Email: team2015@stevebrine.com

HAVEN IN WESSEX

Steve Brine travelled to Titchfield near Fareham in December to check out the progress of Haven in Wessex, a new centre for women fighting breast cancer.

Steve said: "I was so pleased to be involved in getting the centre down to Wessex which brings together the work I do in this area in Parliament with something tangible for my constituents. The refurbishment is going great and we hope it will be open later this year."

More: www.stevebrine.com/breastcancer

STEVE SAYS NAME THE DATE FOR EU POLL

Steve Brine says name the date for the IN/OUT EU referendum he and so many of his constituents are supporting.



The Winchester MP went against a three-line whip in the House of Commons back in November 2011 to call for a national poll, and although it is now party policy, he is calling

for a proposed date to be published now. He says; "If the Conservatives are re-elected in May the referendum WILL happen by 2017 after the PM's renegotiation. However, to underline this even further I want that date fixed now so we can all ink it into our diaries!"

More: www.stevebrine.com/wewantoursay

GOT A FOOD ALLERGY PROBLEM?

New regulations on labelling pre-packed & loose foods came into force in December 2014.

This should help people with food allergies and intolerances make informed choices about what they buy in shops and restaurants.

MP Steve Brine says; "This is good news for families, who have often been confused and anxious about food ingredients. However, I'd urge constituents to continue to be vigilant during the transition period while suppliers get to grips with new law."

More: stevebrine.com/foodallergies

NEW BOROUGH POLICE CHIEF

MP Steve Brine recently met up with the new Borough Commander responsible for policing across Chandler's Ford.

Chief Inspector David Winter briefed Steve on upcoming changes to the force, which begin on 1st April, and spoke about the neighbourhood policing carried out by PC Kim Gosden and her team of PCSO's.

Steve told The Chandler's Ford Post; "Chief Inspector Winter is new to the Borough so it was important we met and got to know each other. Hampshire, like all forces, have to find savings as we attempt to eliminate the deficit. However, the combination of neighbourhood teams with the response teams will ensure we retain a strong force locally and that should be reassuring to us all."



A boys in blue selfie at the Fryern Arcade

SCHOOL PLACES – WHERE NEXT?

Local MP Steve Brine has delivered more than £10m for new primary school places in his constituency since 2010 and is now fighting for a fairer funding settlement for local schools as part of a national campaign.

The Winchester MP recently met with the f40 group in Parliament, representing some 34 local authorities which have historically suffered from low funding.

Steve said: "The government has acknowledged this problem which is good because there is real inconsistency in funding for individual schools with similar characteristics across the country."

Earlier in this Parliament, Steve's campaign secured £10.2m for badly-needed new primary school places in Winchester. It led to the new all-through school at Westgate and the expansion of several city schools. The MP is also supporting local entrepreneur Karen Sprunt with her popular Flipp Flopps educational tool to help children learn, and understand, their times tables.

Steve says; "I met Karen while I was holding a summer tour surgery in Sainsbury's, and the deal was that if Flipp Flopps interested my daughter Emily in maths I'd help her promote what is a brilliantly simple idea. Emily loved it and the product is now really taking off nationally."

More: www.stevebrine.com/schoolplaces



Steve with Karen Sprunt and local children enjoying the Flipp Flopp

CAMPAIGN

PRIDE IN CHANDLERS FORD

Steve Brine continues to work with local councillors on the subject of parking on verges, as part of his long-running 'Pride in Chandler's Ford' campaign.

He says; "I am regularly contacted by residents who are worried about the verges being churned up by inconsiderate parking for instance. I have spoken to councillors, including the chair of the parish council, Margaret Atkinson, and am assured that the police do use special cards to tell motorists when they are badly

parked, as well as ticketing those which are illegal."

Cllr Atkinson added: "We do take a particular pride in our Parish and we do everything we can to urge drivers to act responsibly when parking. If you spot an offender, we want to hear from you!"

Do you have a suggestion for the Pride in Chandler's Ford campaign? Goto www.stevebrine.com/prideincf



Even more
NEWS
IN BRIEF

BRICKFIELD LANE JUNCTION

The team have been fielding a number of responses from local residents about the junction of Brickfield Lane with Bournemouth Road in Chandler's Ford.

The local MP continues to collate responses on the dangers of this junction and is working with local councillors to see what options for change are possible.

Have views? steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk

MP'S SURGERY CONTINUES

Chandler's Ford residents continue to be served by Steve Brine's MP surgeries, which take place regularly in the area.

Steve said: "When I was first elected five years ago, I decided that I would hold a regular surgery here in Chandler's Ford, as well as those I run in Winchester.

"It was a good decision, as I have been able to help so many people locally, without them having to travel all the way to Winchester city centre. Do get in touch if you need my help."

FUNTASIA – SAVE THE DATE!

The date for a hugely popular local festival has now been announced. Fryern Funtasia will take place on the May Bank Holiday, 4th May, and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Steve Brine confirmed to The Chandler's Ford Post that he would again be attending with his young family; pictured with Cllr Margret Atkinson at the 2012 Funtasia.



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Many of you have contacted local MP Steve Brine and your councillors following the article in the last edition of The Chandler's Ford Post. Thank you for getting in touch, your experiences and comments will help us in making the case for action.

- If you are involved in an accident or near miss, please report it to the police on 101 and make sure you get an incident number.
- In seeking a solution to the issue of HGV's, Steve Brine and your local Conservative councillors are anxious that the problem is not displaced onto other local roads. Cllr Judith Grajewski says; "A long-term effective solution is needed which addresses the problem of increased through-traffic across the whole Hiltingbury area."
- Chandler's Ford Parish Council is part funding the purchase of equipment for a Community Speedwatch project. Steve Brine says; "I am keen that this initiative will be up and running very soon and hope that Hoccombe & Hiltingbury Roads will be targeted by the Speedwatch volunteers to encourage speed reduction and make all local roads safer."



Steve with David Bayles and Condor colleague

CONDOR MOVE BUSINESS TO CHANDLER'S FORD

Office support firm Condor have relocated from Southampton to Chandler's Ford and local MP Steve Brine dropped in last month to welcome them to their new home.

The business is 25 years old and is now based in Cando House on Bournemouth Road where it's 40 strong workforce will be based. Steve, who met up with Managing Director David Bayles says; "We have a vibrant business community in the area and that's important as the local economy supports the growing national recovery we are seeing."

More: www.condoroffice.co.uk



RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Local MP Steve Brine has welcomed a 'major step forward' for late night safety at Winchester railway station after it was announced the platforms will now be staffed until 11pm.

The MP held a packed public meeting, ASKSWT, back in November 2013 which gave rail users the chance to put questions directly to South West Trains boss Tim Shoveller. Among the issues raised were the lack

of on-train wi-fi, capacity in the car park and late night safety.

Steve says; "We've made progress on many of the areas needing attention with wi-fi finally coming online last year, a new decked car park and footbridge installed and vastly improved cycling facilities. Late night staffing however remained a key concern as passengers arriving back into the station late at night, especially women, said they felt vulnerable and wanted to see a much later staffing presence."

More: www.stevebrine.com/trains

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Would you like to join Steve Brine's winning team for Chandler's Ford as we head into one of the most exciting General Election's in years?

To get involved please return this form as below or email team2015@stevebrine.com

- I can deliver a few leaflets I will put up a poster
- I would like to join the canvass team
- I would like to donate to the fighting fund (Cheques payable to Winchester Conservative Association)

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