



# Steve Brine's WINCHESTER & CHANDLER'S FORD POST

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# Make it Steve Again!

## A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM STEVE BRINE

Next month, on Thursday 7th May, you will have the chance to vote in what I think is the most important and unpredictable General Election in years.

Ultimately, this is about the kind of MP you want locally but it is also about the Government you elect to run the country. Remember, either David Cameron or Ed Miliband will be in No.10 so your vote here matters a great deal. We have major investment coming to the area and the jobless count has fallen here by 65% since 2010. All of this is possible because Britain has the fastest growing economy in the Western World.

So many local people put their trust in me last time and I hope I've repaid that by doing exactly what I promised; to be first and foremost a good constituency MP. This has, from time to time, led me into conflict with the Government whips but I've always done what I felt was right and put my constituency ahead of personal ambition.

I live in the heart of the constituency with my young family and have worked to establish myself as a reliable and experienced Member of Parliament able to get things done locally; £10.2m secured for new school places, making the local NHS my top priority and helping to deliver complete re-surfacing of the M3 to reduce motorway noise are just a few examples.

But I am also able to make an impact on the national stage in areas such as justice, health and home affairs. I hope to take that experience into the new Parliament.

Whether via email, our local newspaper or one of the regular updates we deliver to your door, I have tried my best to let you know what I am working on and how you can get involved.

Over the next few weeks there will be a lot of things said locally. We will see thousands of leaflets delivered from all the parties but I think you will make your own mind up in the end as to who you support.

For my part, I promise you I will continue to run a 100% positive campaign. As a candidate and subsequently your MP, I've done this job for nine years now and I've never wasted one column inch on negative campaigning. I don't intend to start now.

I hope you can support me next month to continue as our local MP and ensure we return a Conservative Government in our country.

With best wishes,

*Steve*

PS - You can access a wide range of information about my work, locally and in Westminster, at [www.stevebrine.com](http://www.stevebrine.com)



Steve on his feet in a packed House of Commons



Steve with his wife Susie, Emily (7) and William (4)



**Support Steve Brine on Thursday 7 May to keep a strong and experienced constituency MP across Winchester & Chandler's Ford. Here's a snapshot of Steve's work since 2010. Much more at [www.stevebrine.com](http://www.stevebrine.com)**



I am very proud of our military presence so it was an honour in June 2014 to be the Inspecting Officer of new recruits at the Sir John Moore Barracks.



My campaign to bring new primary school places to the city saw £10.2m invested in our area. [www.stevebrine.com/schoolplaces](http://www.stevebrine.com/schoolplaces)



I promised to be an accessible constituency MP and my 'shop' in Winchester is part of that. It was opened in 2010 by (then) Mayor, Lib Dem councillor Richard Izard.



Young people in Winchester are (rightly) interested in politics and I'm interested in what they have to say. Last year saw me visit Christ Church to chat with the 'Download' group.



A face for radio! I am a regular guest on BBC Radio 4's Westminster Hour programme.



I remain a fervent supporter of Winchester Action on Climate Change; here chairing one of their monthly Saturday morning sessions. [www.greenwinchester.com](http://www.greenwinchester.com)



Pitt Vale is a green and pleasant piece of land South of Winchester. Here speaking to BBC South Today about why we must protect it. [www.stevebrine.com/pittvale](http://www.stevebrine.com/pittvale)



I regularly speak to groups in the constituency; here's Popcorn and I with the South Wonston Seniors Club in April 2014.



This was a big moment; asking my first PMQ early in the new Parliament! [www.stevebrine.com/PMQs](http://www.stevebrine.com/PMQs)



When problems of anti-social behaviour cropped up at Hiltingbury Rec just before Christmas 2013, I brought key community people together with the local police. [www.stevebrine.com/CF](http://www.stevebrine.com/CF)



We have a good record locally of building new affordable homes, such as new council homes from Winchester City Council. Opening The Dell in Kings Worthy in March 2012.



Did you know I am part of a key all-party group in Parliament promoting cycling across our country? See more: [www.stevebrine.com/cycling](http://www.stevebrine.com/cycling)



As Winchester dried out after the floods of Winter 2014, I brought the PM's special envoy to the city to help us prepare for the future. [www.stevebrine.com/flooding](http://www.stevebrine.com/flooding)



Every August I embark on my Summer Tour, holding street surgeries and meeting constituents right across the area. [www.stevebrine.com/summertour](http://www.stevebrine.com/summertour)



**WINCHESTER & CHANDLER'S FORD CONSTITUENCY**



As you can read on the back page, the NHS is my passion and I chaired two big open meetings last year on the issue. [www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs](http://www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs)



I will work with any local councillor (of any party) to get things done. Cllr Fiona Mather and I are uniting to bring a safer crossing to Worthy Lane. [www.stevebrine.com/trains](http://www.stevebrine.com/trains)



Improvements to Winchester Railway Station have been very important to me; here's the Rail Minister with us on-site. [www.stevebrine.com/trains](http://www.stevebrine.com/trains)



The local business community is very important to me and I support it every step of the way; here I am (looking younger) addressing the Chamber Breakfast in January 2011. [www.stevebrine.com/business](http://www.stevebrine.com/business)



"A nasty junction," the apt words of the Transport Secretary when I brought him to Kings Worthy to support our campaign for a safer road layout. [www.stevebrine.com/a33](http://www.stevebrine.com/a33)



Our campaign to bring a quieter surface to the M3 was met with cheers at Shepherds Down School when it came good in Dec 2014. [www.stevebrine.com/M3noise](http://www.stevebrine.com/M3noise)



Last Summer I brought my national work on breast cancer to Winchester as a leading campaigner on the issue talked to students at schools across the city. [www.stevebrine.com/breastcancer](http://www.stevebrine.com/breastcancer)



Crikey! I support plans for a brand new leisure centre in Winchester and received a relay petition in September 2012.



I have brought senior Government Ministers to the constituency; here with the DEFRA Secretary of State meeting local farmers.



For nine years now I have held a regular street surgery in Alesford with local councillors and the police. [www.stevebrine.com/alesford](http://www.stevebrine.com/alesford)



## POSITIVE REASONS TO SUPPORT STEVE BRINE ON 7 MAY...

- ✓ I have represented the area since 2010 and am able to get things done as a reliable and now experienced constituency MP.
- ✓ In 2010 I promised to fight for investment in our local schools and subsequently secured some £10m from Hampshire County Council for new primary places.
- ✓ My campaign for a complete resurfacing of the M3, from J9–14 (to reduce motorway noise), resulted in the work being brought forward by 5 years.
- ✓ As a Conservative MP I can be part of a strong Conservative Government that builds on the success of our recovery economy.
- ✓ Our area has seen a 65% drop in the overall jobless count since 2010; it's down 46% among the over-50's and 69% among 18-24 year-olds.
- ✓ I promised to fight for improvements at Winchester Railway Station and a £3.7m improvement scheme has been delivered.
- ✓ On behalf of local people I successfully lobbied for the retention of the free bus pass, TV licence and winter fuel allowance for pensioners.
- ✓ With five years' experience in the House of Commons, I am able to make an impact on the national stage and use Parliament to fight for our area.
- ✓ I will run a 100% positive campaign as always and utterly reject negative campaigning which does so much to turn people off politicians.
- ✓ I live in the heart of the constituency with Susie and our young family (plus Popcorn the dog of course).

Find more positive reasons at:  
[www.stevebrine.com/positivecampaign](http://www.stevebrine.com/positivecampaign)

# IT WILL ALWAYS BE PRIORITY NHS

## Steve Brine writes candidly for the Winchester & Chandler's Ford Post...



**You will be very aware by now of my interest in all matters relating to the health service. I said it would be my priority, both in Westminster and locally where I've immersed myself in truly understanding the issues, and I have stuck to my word.**

The local health economy is hugely complicated, but I've enjoyed the challenge of getting to grips with how it really works. That includes the ins and outs of our Trust and discussions being had about a possible reconfiguration of hospital services at the RHCH.

I welcome a £160m Trust investment in local services because I want the best for us, but this one has a long way to run. My constant challenge to local clinicians is to convince us exactly why the mooted new critical treatment hospital will be better, especially in obstetric and maternity care where I still have many concerns. That is why I organised and chaired two big public meetings last year, which gave constituents the chance to question the key people.

Above all, I am trying to understand the health economy across our entire area, to see how that fits together in the context of the new NHS for the long-term benefit of local people. Equally, the NHS is not just about hospitals. I want us to benefit from new investment as well as to be at the forefront of a drive for better outcomes on cancer and long-term conditions. Through my work

with breast cancer in Parliament these past five years, I know how much more we can do.

Furthermore, we need to manage sustainable access to primary care and it is never wasted time for me to sit down with local GPs and discuss where Government can help and where it most certainly does not.

**“I've immersed myself in truly understanding the issues.”**

It is also, of course, about the integration of NHS and social care and there are great things happening locally. I visited Westholme on Harestock Road recently to see the new 'hub' facility which, working with the NHS, helps to get elderly people out of hospital, and into a place where they can make sensible and independent decisions about their long-term future.

Finally, it's definitely about parity for mental health care locally, and we need to make sure we treat a mental illness no differently to a physical one. I met with MIND recently to discuss the Care Crisis Concordat, which is a new agreement between services and agencies involved in the care and support of people in crisis. It sets out how organisations will work together better to make sure that people get the help they need when they are having a mental health crisis.

Our NHS is a precious thing but it's not above criticism and sometimes things have to change. A true friend of the NHS shouldn't be afraid to say that. For me, it will always be priority NHS.

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



With my breast cancer group colleagues and the Prime Minister inside No. 10



## DID YOU KNOW?

**I am among those leading calls for the Prime Minister to name the date for the IN/OUT EU referendum I and so many local people are supporting.**

Back in 2010 I went against a three-line whip in the House of Commons to call for a national poll, and although it is now party policy, I am calling for a proposed date to be published now. If the Conservatives are re-elected next month 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](http://www.stevebrine.com/wewantoursay)**

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