



Steve Brine's

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For Winchester, Alresford and surrounding villages from Prospective Conservative MP, Steve Brine

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2010 - THE YEAR FOR CHANGE

Let me paint you a picture...



■ Steve with daughter Emily at a recent 'Messy Play' session in Kings Worthy.

... of a brand new MP for Winchester and a new Government!

- Steve passionately supports a District General Hospital in Winchester - with maternity and A&E at its heart.
- Steve will fight inappropriate over-development which our area cannot sustain and vote to abolish damaging housing targets.
- Steve will always support older people locally who have worked hard throughout their lives and deserve security and dignity in old age.
- Steve backs Conservative plans for thousands of new youth apprenticeships and tax cuts for firms creating new jobs.

Your vote in Winchester this year could change the Government!

Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine kicked off this election year with a reminder to local people that they have the power to remove Gordon Brown from Number 10 in just a few months time.

Local family man Steve said a vote for his party in 2010 is a vote for change. "A vote for anyone else could let Gordon Brown and Labour cling on for another five years.

"The choice at the general election will be clear: do we want David Cameron or Gordon Brown as our next Prime Minister?"

He added; "For the past three years I have been the Conservative Candidate. I have met thousands of you on doorsteps and even at the supermarket doing our weekly shop. I've worked really hard to focus on the issues that matter to our area; fighting for the future of our health service, my top local priority - protecting this area from over-development, recognising threats posed by climate change and speaking up for local services.

"If elected I will serve this area as a hard-working and dedicated local MP and I want to do that as part of a new progressive Government led by David Cameron."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Supporting Children's Hospices

Conservative leader David Cameron has announced a new funding system to support children's hospices such as Sutton Scotney based Naomi House. The new per-patient funding stream for all hospices and other providers of end-of-life care ensures proper funding for essential home and community-based care for sick children can continue.

The party has also pledged to continue the £10million annual grant for children's hospices until the reforms become fully operational, so that there is no gap in funding.

Silver Hill scheme

Thornfield Properties, the Council's development partner in the city centre Silver Hill scheme, has been placed into administration.



Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine said; "This is a huge blow but the fact remains this is an increasingly urgent regeneration project which the city needs to get underway without delay. To that end I hope councillors, of all colours, will now work together in the interests of Winchester to get Silver Hill back on track with a new partner, or partners, as soon as possible."

Central Housing Targets

Labour's centrally imposed regional housing targets will be abolished if the Conservatives win this year's General Election. Shadow Communities Minister Caroline Spelman MP confirmed she would do away with so-called 'regional spatial strategies' and allow Winchester City Council to re-write its Local Development Framework in the light of such a move.

See more www.stevebrine.com/winchesterchallenge

A new 'Green Deal'

As part of radical plans to move Britain to a low carbon economy, Conservatives have unveiled a scheme that will give every household in Winchester the chance to save money on their



heating bills and help reduce our collective CO2 emissions. Trusted retailers like Marks & Spencer, as well as energy suppliers, social enterprises, local authorities and local businesses, would be entitled to provide energy efficiency improvements to people's homes using this new allowance and other grants. See more www.stevebrine.com/greenwinchester

NOISE ABOVE



...AND BELOW

Steve Brine is already working with residents and local groups to tackle the blight of motorway AND aircraft noise if he is elected as the local MP this year.



The Prospective MP has recently met with residents living near the M3 South of Winchester (pictured) who are among those calling on the Highways Agency to act. "This has dragged on for years," Steve says. "My recent correspondence with the agency gives us good reason to put them on the spot and the issue back on the agenda. It's not about leaflets or websites collecting petitions, we know we have a problem right through the constituency with noise from the M3. I am therefore working with neighbouring MPs who have achieved success for their

constituents – such as Maria Miller in Basingstoke – to formulate a plan." Steve has also met recently with the Winchester Air Group which seeks better management of the air space north of Southampton Airport. He adds; "This couldn't be further from an anti-airport agenda but we want to see a 'noise action plan' which really works for Winchester residents. "If I am elected this year, I want to be able to hit the ground running on both of these important local issues."

SECURITY & DIGNITY IN OLD AGE

Steve Brine has told *The Winchester Post* he will always support older people locally who have worked hard throughout their lives and deserve security and dignity in old age.

The Prospective Conservative MP said personal experience meant he was determined, if elected this year, to support Conservative plans to help people in care keep their family home.

- Each year, around 45,000 elderly people are forced to sell their home to pay for residential care fees.
- Conservatives would give people the option of paying a one-off fee on retirement, in return for which all their fees would be waived – for life.



- People already over 65 would also be able to take advantage of the scheme.

NETWORK RAIL FREIGHT PROJECT

Hot on the heels of the major work at St Cross, Network Rail is preparing a three-month closure of Andover Road as part of a national programme to move heavy freight from road to rail.



The essential work is needed to raise bridges locally and accommodate new larger freight trains. St Cross Road remains closed until 31 March, after which Andover Road (at the bridge) will be closed from 12 April through 12 July. Stoke Charity Road will also see a partial closure from 6 April to 30 July. Residents wanting more information should contact NR on 08457 11 41 41 or email crsouth@networkrail.co.uk

More information available / questions and comment welcome via www.stevebrine.com

Don't write me off...

Don't Write Me Off is a new campaign from the National Autistic Society to make sure that the benefit system works for people with autism, both supporting those who cannot work and helping those who want to work into employment.

Steve Brine dropped into the South Hampshire Branch AGM in Eastleigh recently to learn more about the organisation and is backing the campaign. Steve is pictured with Mark Houston, a young adult with Asperger syndrome who spoke at the meeting and Prospective Eastleigh MP, Maria Hutchings.

You can see much more via www.dontwritemeoff.org.uk or contact the local branch www.shantsnas.org.uk



CARE IN THE AIR...

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance began operations in July 2007 and has been proving its worth pretty much every day since.

The crew provide an efficient, rapid response to incidents across our area. The helicopter is called out on average 3 - 5 times per day, and many of these missions are life saving.

Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine

paid a visit to meet the team recently (pictured right), at their base on Thruxton Airfield near Andover. He said; "What a terrific charity this is and what an awesome service they provide us with. We are so lucky to have them here in Hampshire, supporting the work of the ground based emergency services."

Find out more and donate if you can via

www.hiow-airambulance.org.uk



■ (Above) Steve pays a visit to meet the team at their base on Thruxton Airfield.

■ (Left) SCAS CEO, Will Hancock and Chair Neil Goulden, with Steve Brine and Shadow Minister Mike Penning in Westminster.



South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) has been the focus of criticism after official figures showed response times compare poorly with other parts of the region and its boss confirmed he doesn't have enough vehicles.

There has also been unease locally after it emerged Winchester Ambulance Station is set to close with vehicles placed at standby locations instead.

Prospective Conservative MP Steve Brine has been contacted by concerned residents and staff. "Our worry is not only about rural cover but ambulance cover more generally. That is why I insisted the Chief Executive of SCAS comes to Westminster as a matter of urgency to meet myself and the Shadow Health Minister Mike Penning MP."

He adds; "It is far too simplistic to simply say we need more ambulances, that is a given. As always it is tied up with

budgets and misdirected Government policy putting the service under pressure. We need a Government that will tackle the four hour A&E target that has such a negative knock-on effect on ambulance cover, admit that pressure on A&E and the ambulance service exists because of changes to GP out-of-hours services and commit to protecting the NHS budget from any public sector cuts."

See much more www.stevebrine.com

...and on the GROUND

OUR PRIORITY-NHS

David Cameron has launched the Conservative Party's draft health manifesto.

Over three years ago the Conservative leader spelled out his priorities in three letters – NHS. Since then Mr Cameron, backed passionately by Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine, has consistently fought to protect the values the NHS stands for and has campaigned to defend the NHS from Government cuts and reorganisations.

As the party of the NHS, we will never change the idea at the heart of our NHS – that healthcare in this country is free at the point of use and available to everyone based on need, not ability to pay. Labour promised to save the NHS but today, despite the massive increase in



■ We can't go on like this ... one of the new Conservative billboard adverts featuring David Cameron

spending, the gap in health outcomes between the UK and the rest of Europe has actually widened.

Mr Cameron says; "Today, the Conservatives are the party of the NHS. But talk is cheap, you've got to back that with action. And we have. We are the only party committed to protecting NHS spending. I'll cut the deficit, not the NHS."

Steve Brine adds; "I have raised issues locally concerning the future of the RHCH, the threat to GP surgeries and access to NHS dentistry, among others. I rely on the NHS like the vast majority of the people I seek to represent and will always back a strong District General Hospital in Winchester - with maternity and A&E."

BELIEVING IN WINCHESTER

It's not just the debt crisis - Britain is also facing a jobs crisis and Winchester is not immune to the problem as many people locally know. It's time to Get Britain Working!

Prospective Winchester MP Steve Brine is backing published Conservative plans for The Work Programme, a comprehensive welfare reform programme designed to tackle our jobs crisis and break the cycle of long term benefit dependency that has grown up under this Government.

This includes ...

- 50,000 **work pairing places**, on average, each year for young people, who will be assigned to sole traders for six months of meaningful work experience and mentoring.
- 100,000 additional **apprenticeships** and training places each year.
- 50,000 additional **training places** at FE colleges each year.
- Expansion of the Government's **Young Apprenticeship (YA)** scheme, from the current 10,000 to over 30,000 each year.
- A new generation of **Technical Schools**, with the long-term ambition to have one in every area of the country designed to raise the status of technical qualifications, boost Britain's science and engineering base, and provide real choice for parents and young people.
- A **£2,000 bonus** to small and medium sized businesses for every apprenticeship place they create.



See our plans in full www.conservatives.com



Supporting local business - Steve Brine dropped into Winchester based Remarkable Group recently to outline his party's plans. Steve is pictured with Director Chris Wotton. Remarkable are a leading creative public relations and design agency.

Visit them online www.remarkablegroup.co.uk

JOIN THE WINNING TEAM FOR WINCHESTER

- YES** I would be pleased to support Steve Brine's campaign
- I enclose a donation of £_____ towards Steve Brine's Parliamentary Campaign (payable to Winchester Conservative Association)
- I can deliver a few leaflets where I live
- I can put up a poster at election time
- I pledge my vote to Steve Brine
- Please contact me, I would like to help

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Mobile: _____

Please return to: **Steve Brine, Winchester Conservatives, The Coach House, Worthy Park, Winchester SO21 1AN**

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SMALL BUSINESS KEY TO GROWTH

Winchester's economy has at its heart a vibrant small business sector and an increasing number of start-up businesses. They are the engine of our national and local economy but all too often Government gets in the way. Conservative plans will change all of that.

- ✓ Any new business started in the first two years of a Conservative Government will pay no **Employer National Insurance** on the first ten employees it hires during its first year.
- ✓ We will reverse Labour's planned increase in small company **corporation tax**, from 22p in the coming year back to 20p.
- ✓ We will make **small business rate relief** automatic for small businesses in England, saving firms up to £1,100 per annum. This will be especially helpful to small shops.
- ✓ It takes thirteen or fourteen days to **start a new business** in this country. In America, it's half as long. We have the ambition of making this one of the fastest places in the world to start up a new business.
- ✓ We will reform the Government **procurement budget** to help small and medium sized businesses win more work.
- ✓ And we will introduce a **Work for Yourself** programme to help the next generation of entrepreneurs.

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