

# Steve Brine MP

## My year at a glance

**JUNE 2019** Welcomed a group of students from Kings School to Westminster as they were awarded Plastic Free Schools status. Attended the Sunflower Ball for Winchester Hospice, spoke on the recognition of EU citizens' rights in Parliament, met with Richard Ratcliffe about his wife, Nazanin's, imprisonment in Iran and opened the new Hursley Community Shop.

**JULY 2019** Scrutinised formal plans to transform Junction 9 of the M3, held key local schools debate in the House and challenged the Treasury over NHS Pensions. Opened the Bump & Boo early years event in Winchester, visited the new Sport & Leisure Centre site and tried out a new fleet of electric bikes at a Chandler's Ford business.

**AUGUST 2019** Enjoyed Summer Tour with events at Winchester Village, Kings Worthy, Winnall, Chandler's Ford and a special supermarket 'pop-up' surgery at Sainsbury's Badger Farm.

**SEPTEMBER 2019** Welcomed a massive new £14m funding boost for local schools as well as major new investment for the RHCH. After a major vote in Parliament, when I voted against the Government to block a no-deal Brexit that Autumn, I had the Conservative Whip withdrawn and sat as an independent MP. Our new puppy, Monty, won a prize (pictured with my Emily) in the dog show at Bighton Fete.

**OCTOBER 2019** Visited Kings Worthy Primary School, opened local NCT fundraiser at Lanterns and brought a Health Minister to Winchester Hospital (pictured) as plans develop for its transformation. Attended the institution of Rev Simon Cansdale at Christ Church and held a packed 'prorogation tour' surgery at the Buttercross.

**NOVEMBER 2019** After a crunch meeting with new PM Boris Johnson, the Conservative Whip was restored to me ahead of the pending General Election. Kicked off my most energetic campaign to date with events across the constituency and spoke at the public inquiry into Eastleigh's Local Plan.

**DECEMBER 2019** Continued the Christmas General Election campaign with events in communities across

Winchester and Chandler's Ford including a fun hustings organised by Churches Together at the United Church. Re-elected (pictured and see more inside) to serve as our MP.

**JANUARY 2020** Spoke on the FlyBe crisis in Parliament, visited Winchester Hospital to see orthopaedic changes first-hand and warned South Western Railway over their performance running our train franchise. Joined constituents at Colden Common Community Centre as they celebrated Village Halls Week.

**FEBRUARY 2020** Celebrated as US firm Wheelabrator cancelled plans to build a waste incinerator in neighbouring Test Valley and worked with affected communities (pictured in Kings Worthy) as flooding returned to parts of the constituency. Spoke on 6th form funding in the House and visited Weeke Primary School as well as Worthy Down. Elected to the influential DCMS Select Committee.

**MARCH 2020** Spoke extensively in Parliament as the Covid-19 outbreak began to surface and contributed to various media broadcasts (pictured at Radio 4) given my previous role as Public Health Minister. Praised Hursley for its 'work as an early example of the "big society" in action to help those unwell or self-isolating. Repeatedly challenged Ministers on help for self-employed workers unable to trade due to the virus.

**APRIL 2020** Worked hard throughout Easter recess to signpost urgent help to thousands of constituents and local businesses as the Covid outbreak reached its initial peak and distributed my support flyer to all households. Lobbied Ministers on numerous announced support schemes and took part in the first 'virtual' House of Commons during its 700-year history.

**MAY 2020** Continued to work in the 'virtual' Parliament (pictured at my kitchen table) and speak daily with local health leaders, emergency responders and constituents as the Covid-19 horror entered its next phase. Liaised with Ministers to represent local views as we attempted to get Britain safely back to work.



SEPTEMBER 2019



OCTOBER 2019



DECEMBER 2019



FEBRUARY 2020



MARCH 2020



MAY 2020

# Covid-19

The pandemic of 2020 will be with us, in one form or another, for many years to come. The human toll is simply awful and the economic fallout points to tough times ahead. I said from the outset that a radical

public health strategy, to ensure we've an economy worth inheriting, must see an equally radical interventionist economic response and, although there's always more to do, we got that from this Government.

COVID-19  
CORONAVIRUS

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[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- ✓ Local big society pages to get/offer help  
[www.stevebrine.com/covid19](http://www.stevebrine.com/covid19)
- ✓ Support for businesses and workers  
[www.businesssupport.gov.uk](http://www.businesssupport.gov.uk)



Delivering hot meals to vulnerable constituents with FirstBite and Red Radish Catering.



Delivering 'Plants for People' with the Hairy Pot Plant Company.

## Prime Ministers' Questions

Several times each year I hold a ballot when constituents can obtain tickets. The next draw date will be advertised as soon as it's available at [www.stevebrine.com/PMQs](http://www.stevebrine.com/PMQs) and in local press. Here in a socially distanced House of Commons this Spring.



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## Annual Report

2019/20

Working hard for Winchester, Alresford, Kings Worthy, Chandler's Ford and surrounding villages

### Dear Resident,

This year marks a decade for me as your Member of Parliament and I think it's true to say, it's been a period of extraordinary challenge and change.

From the first coalition Government since the war (when two parties came together in the national interest) to Brexit, the deepening climate crisis and, of course, Covid-19 which understandably still dominates.

What hasn't changed is my commitment to deliver on the promise I made back in 2010; to work hard for Winchester and Chandler's Ford and provide this area with a strong voice where it matters at Westminster.

It remains a privilege to represent this constituency in Parliament because this is home; the place where Susie and I chose to live and bring up our children.

This is my first annual report of the new Parliament following that extraordinary Christmas General Election. I enjoyed the outcome of that one (probably more than any before) but watching my father slip away during the campaign – he died a few days after – made last year one I'd rather forget.

We hope you enjoy this resume of the last twelve months covering, among other things, my continuing work on the local NHS, school funding and, of course, in Parliament as an experienced MP.

Green Winchester remains a major focus for me and I am pleased to report back on positive progress from Ministers, as well as my return to Select Committee work after a number of years in Government.

Finally, casework continue to be the bedrock of my work as your MP. If you or someone you know needs my help, please get in touch.

Stay safe and well.

With best wishes,

*Steve Brine*

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For Winchester and Chandler's Ford





# Working hard for Winchester

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## Backing shops and businesses

I have fought hard for businesses impacted by Covid-19; making the case for self-employed workers, flexibility in the extended furlough scheme and local firms left out of various grant schemes in particular. And I haven't pulled my punches in standing up for local recovery and growth; in the Spring I challenged Winchester City Council for its lack of progress on

delivering new commercial space through the stalled Station Approach scheme and renewed my call for councillors to show some ambition around the future of Sir John Moore Barracks. I have used all my experience to challenge the unfairness of business rates which led to an announcement in the March Budget that many small businesses will pay no rates this year. Meanwhile a Conservative manifesto commitment will see a fundamental review of the tax, to be concluded at the Autumn Budget. [www.stevebrine.com/backingbusinesses](http://www.stevebrine.com/backingbusinesses)



With business leaders in Alresford

## Any Questions?

After a number of years on the front-bench, I returned to asking the questions this year; from the Government backbenches and 'upstairs' following my election to the Digital, Culture, Media & Sport Select Committee.

As well as pressing Ministers on their response to Covid-19 in areas such as help for charities, disinformation online surrounding the virus and support for those working in the creative industries, we're looking at the future of public service broadcasting and the roll-out of full-fibre broadband and 5G infrastructure.

See much more at [www.stevebrine.com/westminster](http://www.stevebrine.com/westminster)



Speaking in the House (top) and my Select Committee live via Zoom!

## Supporting schools and early years

This past year has seen a huge effort to bring badly needed new funding into our schools – and it worked! I led a big debate in Parliament last Summer, contributed to by many local Heads, focused on funding,

capital projects, teachers' pensions and high needs funding. Ministers subsequently announced we are boosting schools with a record £14 billion, levelling up per pupil funding across the country. I continue to work with the influential f40 cross-party campaign group and pledged at December's General Election to focus even more during this Parliament on how we support and fund special educational needs, as well as a huge push on early years education. [www.stevebrine.com/schools](http://www.stevebrine.com/schools)



At Weeke Primary School in February

## Steve@10

This year, as I mark a decade as our MP, you'll be pleased to know I will be getting on with the job and the Covid-19 outbreak has tested me in ways I never knew possible as an unprecedented number of you got in touch. I will also be continuing the roll-out of my Ten Year Survey across the constituency so please look out for that. You, and every member of your household, can complete it now online at [www.stevebrine.com/surveys](http://www.stevebrine.com/surveys)



## Thank you!

December saw the first Christmas election since the 1920's and it was four wins in a row for me as I was re-elected to serve this constituency in Parliament. More than 28,000 of you supported me once again as I received just under 50% of the vote. Thank you to everyone and I will, as I have always done, work hard for all residents. [www.stevebrine.com/GE2019](http://www.stevebrine.com/GE2019)



Addressing cancer charities in Westminster (top) and taking part in the HIV Commission alongside fellow Commissioner Gareth Thomas.

## #PriorityNHS

Before and after my time as a Health Minister, it was always priority NHS for me. Covid-19 continues to dominate the news but many other health challenges – around cancer, obesity, general prevention and mental health – haven't gone away and demand our attention.

Locally, this year brought great news as I managed to secure significant new investment for Winchester Hospital as part of the Government's 40 new hospitals Health Infrastructure Plan.

See more than decade of work at [www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs](http://www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs)

## Everyone knows someone Steve has helped!

I continue to hold regular surgeries, virtual at the time of writing, across Winchester and Chandler's Ford. If you would like my help, please contact me on 0207 219 7189 or email [steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk)

