

Steve Brine MP

My year at a glance

JUNE 2020 Called for support for event companies and festivals hit by Covid. Welcomed 12th Winchester Cubs to Parliament virtually. Spoke at an event about the looming crisis in cancer care. Met constituents as part of the 'Time is Now' climate lobby and (pictured) visited the new West Downs building at our University.

JULY 2020 Assumed Chair of the APPG for Early Years and Childcare, acted as inspecting officer (pictured) at Winchester ATR and joined multiple sessions as part of the Hampshire Together programme looking at future NHS services locally. Launched Summer Tour 2020 with events in Fulflood, Micheldever and Badger Farm.

AUGUST 2020 Joined our Lord Chancellor on a visit to Winchester Crown Court and prison. Called on Winchester City Council to realise our potential as a 'workplace destination' of the future. Joined Winchester Litterpickers for a city centre clean-up.

SEPTEMBER 2020 Concluded Summer Tour with a street surgery in Hiltingbury and visited the new Station Mill in Alresford. Quizzed the new BBC Director General as part of my DCMS Committee work and met the Chancellor at No.11 (pictured) to discuss support for the early years sector.

OCTOBER 2020 Successfully took parents' call for a safe crossing (pictured) on Andover Road to HCC and joined the Mayor of Winchester to open a pop-up Christmas card shop in Winchester. Joined Hyde-900 for another community dig and welcomed big awards to local organisations as part of the Culture Recovery Fund.

NOVEMBER 2020 Laid my wreath to remember our war dead on Remembrance Sunday and met the children of Twyford School – over zoom! Joined thousands of constituents to voice concerns over the proposed Royaldown development and discussed emerging plans for the future of Sir John Moore Barracks when sold.

DECEMBER 2020 Launched the HIV Commission's report on World AIDS day. Visited the stunning remodelled St Paul's Church in Fulflood and Energie Fitness as gyms made the case for re-opening.

JANUARY 2021 Met with Home-Start to hear about their work supporting families locally and got to work as a volunteer (pictured) at Covid vaccination centres across Winchester. Held a roundtable with local sports clubs about Covid support measures and began my Visit Westminster series.

FEBRUARY 2021 Answered questions from the 3rd Winchester Cubs and called for the early closure of border restrictions on the A31 (due to very low use). Met with Hampshire MPs to finalise plans for a 'freepoint' in Hampshire ahead of the Budget.

MARCH 2021 Welcomed the Alresford Pigs and Alresford Society as part of Visit Westminster and visited Perins School in the town to see the school Covid testing programme up and running. Joined councillors and candidates in Weeke, Winchester and Badger Farm ahead of key local elections.

APRIL 2021 Joined British Transport Police (pictured) for a 'county lines' operation at Winchester Station and caught up with hospitality businesses across the constituency ahead of outdoor re-opening. Met with the Friends of St Giles Hill Graveyard to explore a hidden city gem and Cycle Winchester to discuss projects under the Active Travel Fund.

MAY 2021 Out on the doorsteps as local elections came to town and met with local farmers. I visited Draper Tools in Chandler's Ford and linked up with Eastleigh's MP, Paul Holmes, to explore the future of Southampton Airport. Held my latest ASKtheNHS public meeting to examine future NHS services and plans for a new hospital in mid-Hampshire.



VISITING WESTMINSTER...

Every year I welcome a wide range of groups to Westminster but, this year, it's been a little different. My Virtual Visit Westminster events have proved really popular and you can still join in. Here's a selection with more details to be found at www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster



Hope Church joined me in April 2021 and enjoyed a virtual tour followed by Q&A.



We started the series in January with a large group from the Friends of Winchester Cathedral.



The Alresford Society zoomed in - in March of this year - and were keen to chat.

...AND VISITING YOU



Last Summer I joined the Winchester Litterpickers to help clean up our city centre.



Eight year-old William tried his best to make a snooker player of me on a visit to Chandler's Ford Snooker Club.

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 available (and Covid restrictions allow visitors back in) at www.stevebrine.com/PMQs and in local press. Here in a socially distanced House of Commons.



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Annual Report

2020/21

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

Dear Resident,

Another year, another annual report and this is now my second in the time of Covid-19. While the pandemic may have dominated the past 12-months, my work as our local MP continues at pace and this report gives you a flavour of that.

Check out My year at a glance for a whistle-stop month-by-month precis and some of my favourite images. And in Visiting Westminster you can see how we've adapted to ensure constituents can continue to engage with me – and even see inside the voting lobbies of the House of Commons!

We remain hopeful visitors will be allowed back into the Palace of Westminster during 2021 so do take a moment to enter my ballot for tickets to see Prime Ministers' Questions live.

On the inside, you will find a specific Westminster Report covering, among other things, my work on the influential DCMS Select Committee and with the exciting HIV Commission.

Also, my priority remains our local NHS so that's covered, as is an update on Green Winchester – as we move towards the pivotal COP26 summit – and an update on some of the big development threats circling the constituency. We must stay on our guard to protect the landscape setting that makes this such a special part of England.

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. And don't forget to follow my Facebook page for regular updates.

Yours,

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Working hard for Winchester and Chandler's Ford

The environment was the issue that drove me into politics and it remains my passion. That is shared by this Government and, especially, our Prime Minister.



I back his "10 Point Plan" for a Green Industrial Revolution which sets out how we're planning to build back better through net zero policies. Following President Biden's climate summit, the UK has enshrined a new target in law to slash emissions by 78% by 2035.

Soon the Government will publish its net zero strategy before hosting the UN climate summit (COP26). Creating green jobs in emerging industries will be the cornerstone of a plan for economic recovery.

I have voted for our Environment Bill which is our flagship piece of environmental legislation. It puts the environment at the heart of policymaking and places an obligation on ministers to set legally-binding targets to recover our natural environment.

I will continue to work with Conservative Environment Network MPs on amendments to further strengthen the bill.

More: www.fb.com/greenwinchester

WESTMINSTER REPORT



Appearing on the BBC's Politics Live programme with Jo Coburn.

The current Parliament has so far been dominated by Covid-19 and I have been working flat out to help constituents and businesses affected by the pandemic. I have also used my

experience to hold Ministers to account for decisions – around lockdown and release – which have had grave (and many as yet unseen) impacts on all our lives.

Much else has taken place; with our climate change agenda, education and on domestic abuse as well as internationally, around Russia/China and scrutinising future trade deals.

LANDSCAPE SETTING

One of the precious things about living here is the landscape setting we all enjoy. The last year has shown that to be more important than ever; for our physical and mental wellbeing.

Alongside Conservative councillors, I oppose large-scale destructive development sites such as Royaldown - between Oliver's Battery and Hursley - and at Micheldever Station. We believe it is right to build on brownfield sites first and support the Hampshire Green Belt proposal from CPRE. This is not anti-housing; our area is more than doing its' bit.

Winchester City Council is the planning authority for these sites – and indeed for South Winchester Golf Club - and they make the decisions on house building. That must go through the Local Plan process with full public scrutiny and an independent inspector.

I support a local plan led system because I believe in localism.



This year I have spoken out time and again against inappropriate over-development and taken part (pictured) in our first ever online 'rally' organised by Save South Winchester.

HIV COMMISSION

My work on a high-profile Commission that seeks to end new HIV transmissions and attributed deaths in England by 2030 reported in December as we gave the Government a set of achievable and realistic recommendations. I have continued my work in this area into 2021 working cross-party with charities and Ministers. More: www.stevebrine.com/hivcommission



SELECT COMMITTEE

The Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee is one of the most high-profile in Parliament and I continue to serve as one of its members. Since my last report we have done work on the future of the BBC, music streaming services and concussion in sport among other things. The future of European football and social media influencers are next on our agenda. More: www.stevebrine.com/DCMS



HOUSE-WORK

- Voted for Budget containing unprecedented Covid support for individuals and businesses.
- Led Commons debate (in early March 2021) on the re-opening of schools.
- Supported landmark Domestic Abuse Act to finally become law.
- Raised concerns about Southampton Airport low-flying routes over South Winchester.
- Served on committee to pass 'Fit & Proper' persons test for Park Home owners.
- Chair of the All-Party Group for Early Years and Childcare.
- Spoke out against controversial Planning White Paper.
- Raised concerns of the UK festival sector over lack of insurance for 2021 events.
- Highlighted the work of Winchester Science Centre in backing STEM education.
- Pressed Government to follow the evidence on the origins of Covid-19.
- Praised and voted for EU/UK trade deal.

Much (much) more: www.stevebrine.com/westminster

#PRIORITYNHS

The Hampshire Together programme has taken place, over the past year, to consider options for delivering future NHS services.

I have spent much time actively engaging with the leadership at Hampshire Hospitals (HHFT) and urging constituents to feed into this important debate.

As we prepare for a formal public consultation later this year, the Trust grapples with key decisions around consultant-led maternity care and A&E in Winchester.

Hampshire Together, because it is part of the Government's promised '40 new hospitals', is primarily about replacing Basingstoke Hospital

and that is badly needed. But it must also see significant investment at the RHCH and I am clear Winchester needs a District General Hospital worthy of the name. My message to the clinicians, who will ultimately recommend what they feel is best, is don't give up on Winchester Hospital!

May 2021 saw the return of ASKtheNHS as I chaired a meeting between local healthcare leadership and constituents. It was a great chance to put questions about the Hospital's future and wider NHS services.

See more than decade of work at www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs



WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT YOUR LOCAL MP!

"This is the second occasion on which I have had to ask for your advice, and on both occasions you have been extremely prompt and helpful. Thank you once again."
Mrs B, Winchester

"The letter from the Pension Service arrived in the post today. I am sure this will have been because of your efforts and I just wanted to say how enormously grateful I am."
James, Winchester City Centre

"Thank you for the help you provide your constituents when they have nowhere else to turn."
Kelly, Chandler's Ford

"Thanks so much for your proactive actions regarding Springvale Road. I get the feeling not much would have happened if you hadn't made some phone calls."
Mrs C, Kings Worthy

"Thank you. My daughter's bathroom has been completed. You have made her and my grand-daughter very happy and I understand bubbles have been used already!"
Michelle, Jordan and Rhaia, Winchester



"Steve is a politician who works for his constituents; simple as that."
Clever Safurawu, Badger Farm