



# Steve Brine's WINCHESTER POST

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Local MP keeps up the pressure on major Junction 9 project and South Western Railway.

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVOLUTION

**MP hails a new generation taking control of the green agenda and broadening its appeal at last.**



Steve Brine says a welcome new 'environmental revolution' is taking place as the government announces a series of hard-hitting actions to secure a greener future.

The Prime Minister recently launched a landmark 25 Year Environment Plan which sets out how the UK will improve the quality of air and water, create richer habitats for wildlife and crucially, tackle plastic in the oceans.

Steve told The Winchester Post; "Over the next quarter of a century, we will crackdown on plastics by eliminating all avoidable plastic waste. We'll be doing this by extending the very successful 5p plastic bag charge to small retailers, removing consumer single use plastics from the government estate, supporting the water industry to significantly increase water fountains and working with retailers on introducing plastic-free supermarket aisles. We will also use aid money to help developing countries.

"I know from many conversations I have had with constituents that this environmental revolution is really cutting through, especially among the younger generation. My own children tell me there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish by 2050 and, although it's impossible to ever accurately count either, they're onto this."

The government has also said it will create 500,000 hectares of new habitat for endangered species and will be seeking to create an international anti-poaching taskforce, as well as extending the UK's network of marine-protected areas.

Steve continued: "We are fully committed to delivering a Green Brexit and I am closely involved in this on the subject of air quality through my role as Public Health Minister.

"Michael Gove has made a flying start to his brief and it's good to see. It's been hard to keep pace at times but I know moves such as introducing legislation to install mandatory CCTV in all slaughterhouses was also a very popular move locally."

More: [www.greenwinchester.com](http://www.greenwinchester.com)



Steve has young children who are part of a new, more environmentally aware, generation driving change.



Steve's local priority remains the NHS and he is pictured here on a recent visit to the Macmillan acute oncology unit at Southampton General Hospital. He met with clinical staff as well as patients to discuss treatment, recovery and the faster 28-day diagnosis standard. While on site he also took time to meet with the team bringing a new children's hospital to the area as they reached the £1m fundraising milestone. More: [www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs](http://www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs)

### Our plan to end avoidable plastic:

- We pledge to eliminate all avoidable plastic waste by the end of 2042
- Encourage supermarkets to introduce plastic-free aisles
- Extend the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags to all retailers
- Plans to inject new funding into plastics innovation
- Explore charges on single-use items
- Help developing nations tackle pollution & reduce plastic waste, including through UK aid

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# NEWS IN BRIEF



## REPRESENTING THE UK

**Health Ministers from the G7 met in Milan last year and Winchester's MP was there representing the UK.**

The agenda covered climate variability and its impact on human health, women's and adolescent's health as well as anti-microbial resistance.

Speaking in the final session of the event, Steve Brine criticised the US administration for pulling out of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and spoke about strong action the UK Government is taking to tackle air pollution. He also stressed the importance of women in the developing world having access to the same high quality family planning and sexual health services enjoyed in the UK.

## READING FIGURES TRANSFORMED

**Steve Brine has welcomed the announcement that reforms to the national curriculum have seen the best reading standards in England for over 15 years.**

In 2010 the government announced that all schools would be required to use phonics to teach children to read. Since then, England has risen to joint 8th in the world for reading standards, improving the reading level of pupils from all backgrounds.

This follows official statistics which show all children in the Winchester & Chandler's Ford constituency are now attending schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding'.

## OSBORNE SCHOOL WW1 AWARD

**Two students from Osborne School in Winchester were invited to the House of Lords before Christmas to receive a special prize for their First World War legacy project.**

Jack Dunford and Ben Morgan, both Year 10 students at the maintained special school, were recognised for putting together one of the six best legacy projects in the country, following their participation in the First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours Programme.

Steve Brine was there to hand out the award and said: "Their film is a brilliant example of the way in which students can share their educational experiences with one another, as well as with the wider community in Winchester. Well done Osborne!"

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# Westminster Report

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## FOCUS ON CANCER

**Winchester MP Steve Brine, who was recently reappointed as the Public Health Minister, has welcomed news that cancer survival rates in England are at an all-time high and continue to improve.**

And he recently took part in an evidence session on progress being made to deliver the 95 recommendations in the Cancer Strategy for England by 2020.

Over 80 organisations and individuals submitted written evidence to the enquiry, and the session focused on workforce, funding, governance and accountability, early diagnosis and overall delivery of the strategy.

Steve also hosts a regular cancer 'roundtable' at the Department of Health where he invites representatives from cancer charities across the country to work as key members of the team to drive better outcomes.

He says; "Record survival rates are great but we know there's much more to do. The overwhelming majority of cancer patients are being seen and treated promptly against a backdrop of more people being diagnosed than ever before which is why I obsess about early diagnosis. For almost all cancers it is this which will save lives."



Steve chairing the cancer roundtable and inside the Proton Beam Centre at The Christie in Manchester.



The MP also visited The Christie in Manchester last year, the largest single site cancer centre in Europe to see development of the National Proton Beam Centre. It is due to open in August 2018 and will be the first such centre in the UK; currently patients are forced to travel to the United States.

## IT STARTS WITH ME

**Steve Brine visited the Terrence Higgins Trust back in November to mark HIV Self-Testing week.**



The Health Minister, and our local MP, discussed a range of topics with people who are living with HIV and inspirational charity Chief Executive Ian Green.

They also discussed PrEP, a drug currently being trialled by the NHS which prevents the virus being passed on. Also on the agenda was the stigma of living with the condition, particularly amongst the older service-users who were diagnosed in the 1980s when AIDS was seen as a death sentence.

**More: [www.startswithme.org.uk](http://www.startswithme.org.uk)**

## FUTURE OF DIABETES

**Steve Brine launched the Future of Diabetes report recently at a special event in Westminster.**



Steve with Oliver's Battery constituent, Ian Piotrowsky, at the event.

The report follows one of the largest engagement studies ever undertaken by the main charity in this area, Diabetes UK.

The scale of the challenge means that new ways to support people living with the condition need to be found, and their report identifies six themes ranging from getting the right support from health and care services, support with the emotional aspects of diabetes, access to information, treatment and technology plus support at work or school.

## VISITING WESTMINSTER

**Local schools and organisations continue to visit Parliament, continuing Steve Brine's tradition of welcoming groups to Westminster.**

Children from Itchen Abbas Primary School, and South Wonston Primary School, as well as Peter Symonds students have been among a number to visit who, as well as getting a tour of Parliament, met up with Steve for a Q&A session.

Steve also welcomed (pictured) a group from The Friends of St Matthew and St Paul Church late last year. He has also once again thrown open his allocation of PMQs tickets to constituents and is inviting entries now for 18th April 2018.

**See more at [www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster](http://www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster)**





# MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Spark of an idea from Conservative council finally becomes a reality.



Cllr Jan Warwick (centre) is working with local campaigner John Godbold (left) and Steve Brine MP on the introduction of this bold new policy. John has successfully lobbied WCC on behalf of local residents to see it happen.

**Steve Brine has warmly welcomed news that, from next year, Winchester residents will benefit from a kerbside glass collection service.**

As part of its commitment to helping residents create a more environmentally-friendly district, Conservative run Winchester City Council will include a monthly glass collection service for all households as part of a revised waste collection contract.

Increasing recycling levels are a key part of the council's aim to improve the quality of the District's environment, along with the protection and enhancement of open spaces and the reduction of harmful emissions.

Cllr Jan Warwick, WCC Cabinet Member for the Environment, said; "The introduction of

kerbside glass recycling is part of our push to further increase recycling levels and is a direct response to feedback from members of the public."

Steve Brine added; "This is really good news and builds further on the excellent raft of initiatives that have been announced by Conservatives at all levels of local and national government. Winchester City Council have gone about this in exactly the right way and as a result will be able to introduce this measure sensibly and with sound planning. I know it will be warmly welcomed across the district."



## STRONG LOCAL TEAM FOR 2018

This Spring, on Thursday 3rd May, sees crucial local elections to Winchester City Council, and Steve Brine says that the Conservatives have the strongest set of local candidates for years as well as a policy agenda routed in the priorities of local residents.

### JOHN GODBOLD

(Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Ward inc; Compton, Otterbourne, Shawford & Hursley)

John Godbold is very well known across Badger Farm, having chaired the parish council. After stepping down last summer, John has been keen to take on a new role representing the wider area on the City Council. He has already led a new Pride in Badger Farm initiative to smarten up the neighbourhood.

John works closely with both Steve Brine and Cllr Jan Warwick and knows how to get things done.



### PATRICK CUNNINGHAM

(Wonston & Micheldever Ward inc; Littleton, Crawley & Sparsholt)

Patrick was elected chairman of Littleton & Harestock Parish Council in 2016. He is married to Joy and they have lived with their 3 children in the Ward, in Littleton, for 18 years.

He says: "If elected to the City Council, I would work together with our two other Conservative Councillors to get things done both in our Ward and the wider district, and focus our attention on improving the quality of life in our villages through addressing the many varied local issues that matter and impact most to our residents. I am a keen supporter of the City Council's focus on improving business, housing, the environment and health, through a financially responsible and entrepreneurial approach for the benefit of all our residents."



### PAUL TWELFTREE

(St Barnabas Ward inc; Weeke, Teg Down, Harestock and Bereweke)

Paul Twelftree has lived in Winchester nearly all his life, and in St Barnabas ward for eleven years. He is a former Councillor for Littleton and Harestock, until that ward was abolished under boundary changes. Paul leads the popular campaign to save the Andover Road from being closed and re-routed through Kings Barton estate (STAR campaign). He believes that this will cause misery for residents with local areas becoming rat runs when drivers try to avoid congestion in the new development.

When he's not working to improve the local area, Paul is employed as a Harbour Pilot in Southampton, guiding some of the largest ships in the world safely in and out of the port.



### IRENE SPENCER

(Alresford & Itchen Valley Ward)

Following Ernie Jeffs' decision not to stand for re-election this May, Irene Spencer, a well-respected New Alresford Town Councillor, has been selected to stand in the Alresford and Itchen Valley Ward.

Irene is a Director of The University of Southampton Science Park, and has a long professional background in property development and acquisition. Her business experience and analytical skills will undoubtedly contribute to accurate and informed debate. Issues that are of particular concern to Irene include the need to provide housing for the local labour force, rural crime and the protection of our environment.



### CLLR IAN TAIT

(St Michael Ward inc; Highcliffe)

Ian Tait needs little introduction to residents. A city councillor since 1999, he brings a wealth of experience to the role. A lifetime resident of Winchester, after 23 years with NatWest on the High Street, Ian now runs his own sustainable energy consultancy. He is a trustee of St John's Winchester, and he is extremely supportive of plans to build further almshouses in Colebrook Street and Chesil Street. Ian continues to work closely with local MP Steve Brine, as well as his colleagues across the St Michael ward.



### PAUL HUMM

(St Barts Ward inc; Winnall)

Communication is key for Paul and he would like to facilitate a conversation between St Barts residents and WCC using the social connectivity of the internet. He will be delivering his email and mobile number to all in St Barts so residents can easily get their important views on planning, traffic, environment or anything at all to him. Having lived around Winchester for 30 years and St Barts for two years now, Paul particularly wants to ensure good community and sports facilities are maintained at River Park. He was really pleased to see that planning permission has been given for replacement of the cricket pavilion with an impressive new facility.



### CLLR SUE COOK

(Colden Common & Twyford Ward)

Sue is very well-known and popular across Colden Common and Twyford having thrown herself into her role as a local councillor. "My role as a Councillor is to serve the Community", she says. Sue has been extremely forceful in challenging Eastleigh's Local Plan, which could bring chaos to the villages, and works with both Steve Brine and County Cllr Rob Humby to support residents.

Sue is often seen helping out at local community and fund raising events, and is an active supporter and trustee of a number of local organisations and charities. She also dedicates much of her time to casework, including helping people with housing difficulties and local issues.



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## COUNCIL HOMES TO DOUBLE BY 2020

**Winchester City Council has announced plans to double the amount of council homes built by 2020. This means that the Council's existing target of delivering 300 new council homes by 2020, is now more than 600.**

Conservative-run WCC has identified sites for council housing from across the district for schemes of varying size. The schemes will provide homes for older people and families, and the ambitious plans also aim to provide for young people who want to take their first steps onto the housing ladder.

## EASTLEIGH LOCAL PLAN 'MESS'

**Cllr Sue Cook has joined Steve Brine in speaking out about the 'total mess' of Eastleigh's plans to build thousands of houses (and a major new road) right on the border of Winchester, threatening chaos to residents across Colden Common, Otterbourne, Twyford, Shawford and surrounding villages.**

Sue, who represents Colden Common & Twyford at WCC says; "I am appalled that Liberal run Eastleigh have allowed this situation to develop, and with Steve Brine and other neighbouring MPs will be keeping a vigilant eye on their plans which will impact disastrously on key traffic and service infrastructure, let alone environmentally with water absorbance from the rivers and sewerage both already at capacity."

More: [www.add-eastleigh.org](http://www.add-eastleigh.org)



Cllr Sue Cook with Action Against Destructive Development at a recent meeting of Eastleigh Borough Council.

## TRINITY SHALL GO TO THE BALL

**Local MP Steve Brine caught up with Trinity Winchester recently for a catch-up on the charity's work.**

He met with Chairman, Peter North, and Manager 'Super' Sue McKenna to discuss fundraising and future plans. He was told the charity has met its fundraising targets early and heard about ambitious plans for a Housing First project which could see a residential wing opened in the city.

He says; "I have so much time for Trinity and am very excited about what 2018 has in store for them; not least being supported as they are by the magnificent Fulflood Ball taking place on 14th April 2018."

More: Support Trinity via [www.fulfloodball.co.uk](http://www.fulfloodball.co.uk)

## STATION APPROACH COMMERCIAL PROMISE

**The Station Approach project forms part of WCC's vision to boost the city's economy and make the best use of key sites.**

City Finance Chief, Cllr Guy Ashton says; "The scheme will have a positive impact on the economy and environment, including better walking and cycling links and provide more Grade A office space that we badly need."

Elections are also taking place this May in Kings Worthy/Headbourne Worthy and St Paul (Fulflood area). There are no elections this year in St Luke Ward (Stanmore). You will shortly find full and updated details of the strong local Conservative team at [www.winchesterconservatives.org.uk](http://www.winchesterconservatives.org.uk) and find information about registering to vote, polling stations and securing a postal vote at [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk)



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**CITY BUSINESS BREAKFAST**

Continuing an annual tradition, Steve Brine addressed business leaders at the Chamber / BID breakfast recently.

The event, held at the Mercure Wessex Hotel, heard an update from the MP on national policy as well as comment on a number of local issues currently facing the area.

**AND, CITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Steve Brine joined local organisations and city leaders as the Guildhall hosted a special Prayer Breakfast just before Christmas.



Radio 4 regular Brian Draper, who often appears on Thought for the Day, led a conversation with Steve, Alan Lovell from the University of Winchester and Hampshire Cultural Trust, and Ellie Payne, who leads youth work at St Barnabas church in Weeke. They were observed by a range of representatives from organisations such as Winchester Basics Bank, Winchester Vineyard, the police and local councils.

Steve said: "This was the first such event organised by Churches Together in Winchester and it was very special. I hope it's repeated."

**ST JOHN'S ALMSHOUSES**



Steve has welcomed progress on 30 almshouses to provide care for the elderly in Chesil Street and Colebrook Street. Cllr Ian Tait is a Trustee of the charity which dates back to the 12th Century.

He said: "I know the homes will have a number of great features, including wet rooms, level access, green roofs and roof terraces, and I can't wait to see more as the project develops."

**QUESTION TIME AT ST FAITH'S**

Steve Brine visited St Faith's C of E primary school recently as a follow up to a group of Year 4 and Year 5 children visiting Parliament in September.

He held a special question time session, which was decorated with key backgrounds and props that the school borrowed from Parliament's Education Centre on their visit.

He said: What a delightful visit and all credit to the school especially young Alex for taking on the role of Speaker."

**BOOMTOWN**  
**LET'S SEE THE WHOLE PICTURE SAYS MP**

Steve Brine has spoken out on the subject of Boomtown Fair, the popular music and arts festival hosted each Summer at the Matterley Bowl near Winchester.

The Winchester MP, who has attended many festivals including Glastonbury since he was young, wrote in defence of the event in his regular column for the Hampshire Chronicle earlier this year. He said growing up around the festival circuit gives him a balanced view and added insight into what really goes on.

He wrote; "First and foremost, we were all teenagers once and thousands of young people living locally safely enjoy Boomtown and the opportunity to see acts such as the Gorillaz, Ziggy Marley and The Specials just up the road."

The article went on to touch on the economic impact of a large festival, licensing and noise regulation, money raised for good causes and the ground-breaking way Boomtown are using their position to engage with young people around the dangers of illegal drug use.

Want more? Read Steve's frank and honest piece in full via

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



Timetables, Delay Repay and parking were just some of the issues on the agenda.

**BAD START FOR SWR**

Winchester MP Steve Brine says he is disappointed by the start to the South Western Railway franchise, and 'troubled' by the consultation on a potential new timetable. He held a top-level meeting recently with the company and local councillors.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/trains](http://www.stevebrine.com/trains)



Steve with Matterley owner Peverill Bruce and team in the Boomtown Control Room.

**M3 J9 MOVES FORWARD**

The long-awaited major re-design of the M3/A34 at Junction 9 is moving forward with a major consultation recently concluding. The work is part of the Government's ten year Road Investment Strategy and has been hard fought by Steve Brine MP. More on the proposed scheme and local demands to address the crossover from A34 to A33.

More: [www.stevebrine.com/junction9](http://www.stevebrine.com/junction9)



**EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE...**

Steve has been our local MP for almost eight years now and during that time he has helped thousands of constituents through his surgery and casework.

He says; "It's the part of this job you never hear about in the media but I get results when people really need my help. Everyone knows someone we have helped!"

Need help? Contact Steve as below.



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