

# The Winchester & Chandler's Ford POST

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# A STRONG LOCAL TEAM



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Cllr Colin Davidovitz (Chandler's Ford Division), Andy Milligan (Eastleigh West Division), Cllr Fiona Mather (Winchester Eastgate), Cllr Ian Tait (Winchester Westgate), Steve Brine MP, Lisa Griffiths (Itchen Valley Division), Cllr Rob Humby (Bishops Waltham Division), Cllr James Byrnes (Downlands Division) – and Steve's dog Popcorn of course!

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# NEWS IN BRIEF



Barton Farm

## MAKING THE BEST OF BARTON FARM

**WINCHESTER:** Residents will know outline planning permission to put 2,000 houses on Barton Farm has now been granted. MP Steve Brine and local Conservatives have said they will work constructively to make the best of the development.

Ian Tait, who is standing to be a local county councillor (see right) says; "We must now focus on the future and ensure CALA live up to their promises and give us a high quality development."

Steve Brine adds; "Barton Farm must be built to the highest possible design standards and really set the pace for modern energy conservation and efficiency. We will work tirelessly with the council and the developer to see it does deliver affordable new homes for local people."

The Barton Farm Forum is now live and met for the first time on 16th January. You can find out more via [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk)

## M3 DIN STAYS IN FOCUS

**COMPTON & OTTERBOURNE:** Surface noise from the M3 motorway will remain a focus for local Conservatives.

MP Steve Brine recently met with the Roads Minister as part of continued representations on behalf of local people. He says; "There is no point pretending this is easy. The Highways Agency quite rightly say the motorway is in good condition and they are reluctant to rip it up and re-surface for noise mitigation alone. The focus of my efforts with the Minister is around Shepherds Down School where we do have agreement that noise levels from the road are unacceptably high."

Prospective County Councillor for the area James Byrnes (see right) adds; "I know Steve is not going to let this drop. If I become county councillor for this area, I will do everything I can to ensure HCC get right behind our campaign."

## BUS UPDATE, PARISH COUNCIL MOVE AND ALLOTMENTS

**CHANDLER'S FORD:** Following the success of Conservative Borough and County Councillors in filling the gap left by the demise of the C1 and C2 service, HCC is now consulting local people on the options available for a permanent subsidised service.

Chandler's Ford Parish Council has now moved into the enlarged Pavilion on Fryern Rec and is in the final stages of taking over the maintenance of all the recreation grounds in the Parish.

Eastleigh Borough Council is being taken to Court by aggrieved allotment holders in an attempt to overturn the 60% rent increase it has imposed. Allotment rents in the Conservative run Chandler's Ford Parish area continue to be much lower.



Ian Tait and local MP Steve Brine.

PROSPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

## Ian Tait

**Winchester Westgate Division** – covering the west side of the city from Stanmore through Fulfood, Teg Down and Bereweke to Weeke.

**Why Ian?** A city councillor since 1999, Ian will bring a wealth of experience to the County Council and challenge its leadership from day one. A lifetime resident of Winchester, Ian was born in Fulfood and attended local schools. After 23 years with Nat West, he now runs his own sustainable energy consultancy.

**Steve Brine says;** "I have worked with Ian for many years and know we will form a really strong team if he becomes the county councillor. This election is not about politics or personal ambition; it's about this election and this job. Ian will be a formidable councillor if you back him in May."

PROSPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

## James Byrnes

**Downlands Division** – covering a wide area including Littleton, Harestock, Sparsholt & Crawley, Compton, Otterbourne, Shawford & Hursley, Oliver's Battery & Badger Farm plus South Wonston and Worthy Down.

**Why James?** James began as a Parish Councillor and was elected to the City Council in 2012. He brings a new and dynamic element to local politics and would bring a new energy to the role that is much needed.

**Steve Brine says;** "James was born and bred in Winchester and works in the public sector. He is a new kind of Conservative and would be a breath of fresh air if he's elected in May. I know he would work smartly with the existing city councillors, including Cllr Jan Warwick and Cllr Mike Southgate in Compton & Otterbourne, city leader Keith Wood in Sparsholt as well as Stephen, Barry and Malcolm across South Wonston and Worthy Down."



James with MP Steve Brine and Steve's daughter Emily at the Littleton Show last Summer.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

## Colin Davidovitz

**Chandler's Ford Division** – covering Hiltlingbury, North Millers Dale and the Chandler's Ford East ward of Eastleigh Borough Council.

**Why Colin?** Colin has lived in Chandler's Ford since 1960 and has represented Chandler's Ford, first on Eastleigh Borough Council and now on the County Council since 1996 where he is a member of the Cabinet. Amongst his many achievements have been the re-opening of our Rail Station, measures to improve road safety, the introduction of planning rules to preserve the character of Chandler's Ford and measures to ensure the preservation of local bus services.

**Steve Brine says;** "Colin's record speaks for itself; he is an experienced and effective county councillor we are lucky to have in Chandler's Ford. I know he is currently overseeing an efficiency programme that is keeping council tax low for residents while protecting vital local services against the impact of funding reductions as Government tries to reduce the huge deficit."



County Councillor Colin Davidovitz takes local MP Steve Brine through some of the issues he is working on; pictured at the Fryern Arcade.

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# ...for Winchester and Chandler's Ford!



Local St Barts campaigner Rose Burns is working with Fiona Mather (centre) and Steve Brine in the Hyde area.

PROSPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

## Fiona Mather

**Winchester Eastgate Division** – covering the east side of the city from St Cross through Highcliffe, St Giles Hill, Winnall to Hyde and Abbots Barton.

**Why Fiona?** A St Michael's city councillor since 2002, Fiona has an unrivalled 100% attendance at council meetings and is respected across the political spectrum. She lives, and has brought up a family, in the heart of the city and will step up neatly to the role of county councillor.

**Steve Brine says;** "Fiona comes to this role with a huge amount of experience in local Government already and is already hugely effective as city councillor. She would be a powerful force at HCC, working with me and her fellow councillors for local residents."

PROSPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

## Lisa Griffiths

**Itchen Valley Division** – covering The Alresfords, Kings Worthy, Micheldever and surrounding villages including Easton, Martyr Worthy and Itchen Abbas.

**Why Lisa?** Lisa is already working for local people, as a Town councillor in New Alresford where she chairs the Tourism Committee and sits on the Planning Committee. She runs a successful Winchester-based business and is mother of four children.

**Steve Brine says;** "Lisa is new to the Conservative team and has already made a fast-paced impact locally. She is a successful businesswoman in her own right and would make a first rate county councillor."



Lisa (blue jacket) joins well-known Alresford councillor Ernie Jeffs and Steve Brine for another street surgery in the town; this time with local police colleagues.

PROSPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

## Rob Humby

**Bishops Waltham Division** – covering Colden Common & Twyford, Owslebury & Curdrige and Bishops Waltham.

**Why Rob?** Rob was born and brought up in Hampshire. He set up his own engineering business, followed by a horticultural business in Owslebury. He has been a dedicated school governor since 1995 and was first elected as a city councillor in 2007. Rob is a member of the city council cabinet and has already proved himself a formidable local representative.

**Steve Brine says;** "Rob has a laser like focus for economic matters and works very effectively for the whole District through his role on the city council. As Deputy Leader he is clearly one to watch in local politics at the moment and I think he would make a superb county councillor, able to work with me and local councillors (of all parties) for the good of residents."



Cllr Rob Humby, Deputy Leader of Winchester City Council – one to watch says the local MP!

Prospective County Councillor **Andy Milligan** (pictured front page) is also standing in the elections on May 2nd 2013, in the Eastleigh West Division which includes the Chandler's Ford West ward of Eastleigh Borough Council. [More on the website left.](#)

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## A PROUD RECORD... MORE TO COME

**WINCHESTER:** The community of St Cross and Lower Stanmore came together to demand a new safe crossing on St Cross Road. Local MP Steve Brine and Prospective County Councillor Fiona Mather (see left) worked cross-party to deliver just that.

Fiona says; "The new crossing went live in time for the new term last September and is a great example of what a strong local team of councillors working with the MP can achieve. Steve and I work really well together – we can be even better if I become the county councillor in May."



St Cross crossing

## WILL WIND FARM PLAN STOP SPINNING?

**WINCHESTER:** Prospective County Councillor Lisa Griffiths (see left) will NOT be supporting EDF Energy's plans for 14 huge wind turbines on the Hampshire Downslands.

Speaking at a packed public meeting in Sutton Scotney last month, Lisa said the big business plan from EDF for land at Bullington Cross was not in the overall interests of local residents and urged the local council to turn it down.

She adds; "We need efficient means of generating renewable energy but that has to be in the right place and without relying on massive subsidies from the taxpayer. Keep Hampshire Green is spot on when it says what should count is the switch to a low carbon economy, not some ideologically driven percentage of electricity that must come from renewables."

More: [www.keephampshiregreen.org](http://www.keephampshiregreen.org)

## PARK HOMES SEE A BETTER FUTURE

**GOLDEN COMMON, SUTTON SCOTNEY, ALRESFORD, OLIVER'S BATTERY, MORN HILL & LITTLETON:** Local MP Steve Brine is among those MPs forcing a change in the law for park home sites.

The Mobile Homes Bill is set to become law this year and brings in a wide range of new powers to deal with rogue site owners and prevent sale blocking. Prospective County Councillor for Colden Common (Rob Humby, see left) is backing the moves; "Park home living can be wonderful and truly affordable local housing. As a local councillor I am right behind Steve's work in this area."

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# EUROPE – YOU DECIDE

**David Cameron has transformed the political landscape with his speech on Europe; promising he will let YOU decide our future relationship with the EU.**



The PM said; “With the ongoing Eurozone crisis, the EU is changing – raising questions about its future and Britain’s place within it. We need to be in the single market, not just selling goods to Europe, but with a say in what its rules are. Public disillusionment with the EU is at an all-time high and people feel that it is heading in a direction that they never signed up to.”

He said he wanted to see a ‘new settlement’ focussed on competitiveness, fairness, respect for national democracies, and allowing powers to flow back to states.

Local MP Steve Brine, who voted in the Commons back in 2010 demanding a future EU referendum, added; “We want fresh consent for this settlement. The Conservative Manifesto in 2015 will ask for a mandate from the British people for a Conservative Government to negotiate a new settlement in the next Parliament. We will then hold an in-out referendum – stay in the EU on these new terms; or come out. That is the right policy for Britain, and unambiguously in our national interest.”

## NEW OUTPATIENTS OPEN AT RHCH

**Local MP Steve Brine has warmly welcomed the new Outpatients department at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester which opened its doors to patients last month.**

All outpatient clinics as well as the busy ENT clinics will move to the modern Burrell wing, seeing approximately 100,000 patients each year. The new department offers a modern and welcoming environment and includes specially designed waiting areas to make waiting easier for patients, carers and those with young children. There will also be self check-in kiosks for patients.

MP Steve Brine said: “This is a huge step forward for our hospital and a very good news story. There will be many challenges ahead as the new Trust beds down and the clinical model is finalized but the new Outpatients department takes the RHCH forward significantly and that is so welcome.”

The £3.3m project is one of the developments funded by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust whose Chief Operating Officer Donna Green told The Post: “The old outpatients department was past its best, and did not reflect the excellent standards of care we aim to give our patients. The new department is purpose built to the latest standards in many fields including infection control; we know it will provide a better environment for everyone.”



Steve Brine MP joins members of the University Conservative Society at this year's Fresher's Fayre.

## APPRENTICESHIPS & UNIVERSITY HELP

**Conservative-run Hampshire County Council has outlined ambitious plans to provide 1,000 new apprenticeship places over the coming five years.**

At the same time, the council said it would award an additional 10 university scholarships each year to Hampshire students from the poorest backgrounds.

County leader Ken Thornber said; “This is probably the most exciting initiative that we shall ever take. Hampshire County Council will employ, as apprentices, 1,000 young people over the next five years as our contribution to reducing unemployment. The council plans to employ 200 apprentices a year aged 16 to 25.” He added the council would offer places to young people from a

wide range of backgrounds with “all academic or vocational abilities.”

Meanwhile, Conservative-run Winchester City Council has built on the success of its initial apprenticeship scheme with a second group of 9 young people. The scheme helps those who are struggling to meet the initial costs of entering work.

Let's be positive in 2013 and reject the politically motivated negativity of some local councillors; you can find much more good news from your Conservative run County Council via [www.hants.gov.uk/hampshirenow](http://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshirenow)



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