

# Steve Brine MP

## My time at a glance

**2010** – After a long campaign, I was elected for the first time as part of the first coalition Government since the war. Conservatives and Liberal Democrats worked together in the national interest and my son, William, was born that November.

**2011** – Backed the successful campaign to keep children's heart surgery in Southampton, held my first 'Summer Tour', brought the Health Secretary to our hospital and Schools Minister to our university.

**2012** – Fought power companies to secure a reliable electricity supply in Kings Worthy, welcomed the Olympic Torch to Winchester and received a 'Fit for the Future' petition (relay style) for a new leisure centre in the city.

**2013** – Opened the new scanner unit at RHCH plus Rotherley Nursery in Fulwood with Peppa Pig, met CALA Homes to discuss the 'Barton Farm' development and welcomed a royal visitor to Naomi House.

**2014** – Flooding dominated as I mucked in making daily visits to Hursley, Sutton Scotney, Littleton, Twyford and the Worthies. Helped 'Save the Rec' at River Park and (quietly) turned 40.

**2015** – Cut the ribbon at new Warren Hall in Micheldever, met Syrian families arriving in Winchester to flee the war and laid my wreath at the Cathedral for Remembrance Sunday. The General Election in May saw me returned with a 17,000 majority.

**2016** – Spoke at the Chamber Business Breakfast, opened Happy Hounds doggy day-care in Chilcomb and chaired EU referendum debate at the Theatre Royal. Supported Theresa May as PM and became a Government Whip.

**2017** – Shared Brenda from Bristol's view on "another" General Election but stood and won, again securing over 50% of the vote. Appointed Public Health Minister and opened new Dovetail Café in Chandler's Ford.

**2018** – Held a rail summit as SWR began local franchise, welcomed new plans for Junction 9, spoke out over Eastleigh Council's lack of a Local Plan and brought residents together to fight latest plans for Micheldever 'new town'.

**2019** – Opened new council houses in Stanmore and supported Alresford businesses concerned by business rate hikes. Opened the new A&E at Winchester Hospital and was re-elected for the fourth time.

**2020** – Covid hit and the world ground to a halt but I attended Parliament every day and spoke extensively on lockdown measures and support for constituents. Took the Lord Chancellor to visit Winchester Prison.

**2021** – Put in many shifts at local Covid vaccination centres, celebrated the return of cancer services to RHCH and attended the COP26 climate meeting in Glasgow.

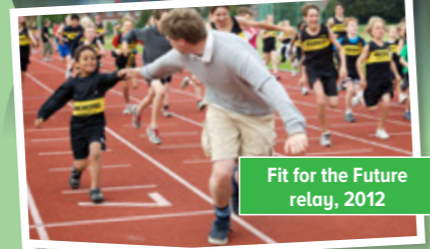
**2022** – Welcomed the end of 'smart' motorways, opened a new rehab facility at Trinity, backed Rishi Sunak for my party's leadership and delivered a tribute to the late Queen in Parliament. Elected to chair Health Select Committee.

**2023** – Held urgent meetings with Southern Water over supply issues, held 'ASKtheAIRPORT' meeting in Colden Common and met Ukrainians living safely in Hiltingbury. Met King Charles III.

**2024** – Spoke in favour of retaining ATR Winchester as an MoD site, brought our PM to Winchester, launched campaign to improve Winchester Station, met Southern Water (again) and visited the rebuilt Fryern School in Chandler's Ford. And (very) quietly turned 50.



William (11-days old) helping Daddy, 2010



Fit for the Future relay, 2012



Kings Worthy flooding, early 2014



Winning here! General Election 2015



Two little helpers at Dept of Health, 2017



Covid volunteering at Badger Farm, 2021



Army Training Regiment, 2024

# VISITING WESTMINSTER

Over the years, I've hosted dozens of local schools (and other groups) in Parliament. Seeing their sense of wonder, and answering their many questions, is one of the great parts of this job. Teachers tell me they never struggle to get parent helpers for this school trip!



Parishioners from St Matthew and St Paul joined me in October 2017 for a tour and Q&A

Chandler's Ford Scouts with me in the House, October 2022

Lively questions from Sparsholt Primary School in Westminster Hall, February 2019

Hosting children from Stanmore School in March 2016. Many of them will have now left secondary school

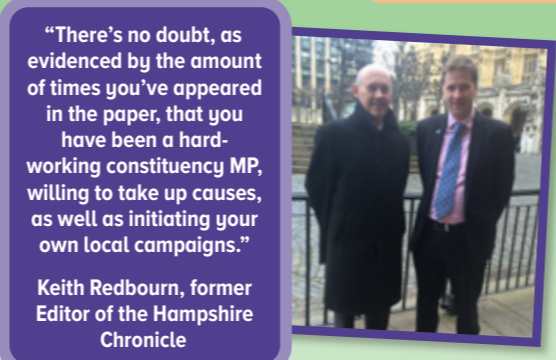
## in your own words...



"Thank you for our new puffin crossing outside our school on Andover Road. It has made our journey to nearby shops much safer."  
Osborne School children, April 2013



"You have looked after us well and deserve a break. You have received quite a few enquiries from me over the years and come back fresh and responsive every time. You will be a hard act to follow."  
Martin, Winchester



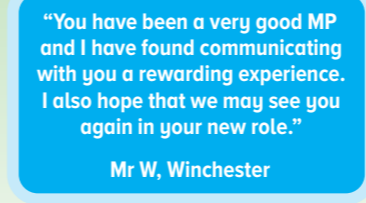
"There's no doubt, as evidenced by the amount of times you've appeared in the paper, that you have been a hard-working constituency MP, willing to take up causes, as well as initiating your own local campaigns."  
Keith Redbourn, former Editor of the Hampshire Chronicle



"Steve sorted out a seemingly insoluble problem in just a week. I'm incredibly grateful for the effective work of Steve and his team on the behalf of me and other constituents."  
Simon, Winchester



"Thank you for having such and active interest in Kings Worthy and for your engagement with us."  
Dianne & John, Kings Worthy



"You have been a very good MP and I have found communicating with you a rewarding experience. I also hope that we may see you again in your new role."  
Mr W, Winchester



"Thank you for the comprehensive email update, always much appreciated. We shall miss you when you go!"  
Mrs V, Badger Farm

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## FINAL Annual Report

Summer 2024

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

**Dear Resident,**  
Fourteen years ago, in May 2010, I was **first elected** as our MP. That was the culmination of many years hard work and realised one of my dreams.

This FINAL Annual Report is a whistle-stop tour through the last decade and-a-half but, above all, it's a way for me to say **thank you** – to you but also to my family - Susie, Emily & William - for allowing me to serve.

I will be the first – and last – MP for Winchester & Chandler's Ford because my current constituency is broken up at the next election. I was elected into a coalition, have voted to send our armed forces to war, lived through the Brexit years and served in various Government roles.

I always said **nobody owns Winchester**. I've done my best to earn your support and, importantly to me, I've always run 100% positive campaigns because I utterly reject negative campaigning. I hope that continues locally in this General Election year and wish Flick Drummond well in her quest to represent the new Winchester & Meon Valley constituency and Sam Joynson who hopes to take over in Eastleigh & Chandler's Ford.

We've tried to stay in touch over the years through many means including over 160 'Letters from Westminster' for the Hampshire Chronicle and more than 1200 articles for parish magazines across the area!

Thank you for your support and encouragement over many years and, remember, it's nice to be important but it's much more important to be nice.

Yours,



Steve Brine MP for Winchester & Chandler's Ford

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# Working hard for Winchester and Chandler's Ford

## JUNE 2017 – MARCH 2019 @BRINEMINISTER



Speaking at the **G20 Health Meeting** in Argentina, 2018. With England's Chief Medical Officer, I led a presentation on the dangers posed by anti-microbial resistance. SBTv : [stevebrine.com/G20](http://stevebrine.com/G20)

Not my natural territory! In January 2019 I appeared as a guest on Jamie Oliver's Channel 4 show **Jamie & Jimmy's** to talk about nutrition training for health professionals.



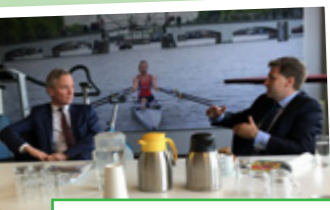
Always **#PriorityNHS** and even as a Minister I regularly visited the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester to hear from those on the front-line.



One of my regular **cancer roundtables** at the Department of Health (here in October 2017) which brought the leaders of all major cancer charities together.



I set-up the **HIV Commission** to map how we'd end new transmissions in England by 2030. Here with Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, Wes Streeting MP, discussing its recommendations.



**Childhood obesity** is one of the great challenges of our time. Here with the Deputy Mayor in Amsterdam to get some new ideas for back home.

You can take a look at my work in Government (I eventually resigned to vote against a No Deal Brexit) and watch various short films from SBTv at

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## MAY 2010 – DATE @BRINEMP

My wife Susie and I said we would do twenty years or four General Elections – whichever came first. I will leave the House of Commons shortly (and people will have different views of the last four Parliaments in which I've served) but one thing on which we can all agree, it's been an interesting time ...

### Part One – Coalition May 2010 – May 2015

So much has been said about the Conservative/Liberal coalition but I think we did the right thing in the aftermath of the financial crisis while reforming education, health and welfare.



Early days, I worked as part of the Justice Select Committee - led the breast cancer, park homes and cycling groups – and focused on health, energy as well as criminal justice policy. I established myself as an independent minded MP on the Government benches.

### Part Two – Small majority Conservative Government May 2015 – June 2017



The Cameron Government was re-elected with its own mandate in 2015 and I continued as a strong and now experienced MP. I joined the junior ranks of Government as PPS to the Health Secretary and, while I supported giving people a say on EU membership, campaigned hard for Britain to Remain. When Theresa May became Prime Minister, I joined the Government Whips Office until she (unwisely) called that fateful early General Election.

### Part Three – The Brexit years June 2017 – December 2019

The House of Commons doesn't work well in a hung Parliament, and we proved that during these two years. The response from Winchester to Brexit was huge – on both sides – and I focused on respecting the outcome of a national referendum while arguing for a safe deal that recognised the closeness of the result. That led me into conflict with (new PM) Boris Johnson who subsequently withdrew the Conservative Party whip meaning I was, for a time, an independent MP.



## NATIONAL PROFILE!



I sometimes represent the UK as part of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (pictured in Ghana) and regularly appear on the media; here on ITV's Peston.

### Part Four – Big majority Conservative Government December 2019 – late 2024

Back in the fold (with, perhaps, my integrity intact) I was returned to Westminster for my final Parliament and my experience as Health Minister helped me hold Government to account as Covid hit. We have never had so much casework as we supported constituents. Backed Rishi Sunak for PM and (eventually) that happened. Chairing the high-profile Health Select Committee is the perfect way for me to conclude my career in the Commons.



## FIRST AND FOREMOST A CONSTITUENCY MP



When I ran for Parliament, I said my priority was the local NHS and I would, above all else, strive to be a good constituency MP. Others can judge whether I have done that, but I hope some memorable campaigns – with maybe a few wins along the way – leave this area better than I found it.



We've successfully brought millions of pounds worth of investment to our hospital including transformed maternity suites, a refurbished A&E, the day treatment centre and a brand new outpatients department. The new 'elective hub' is next. For 17+ years, I've said I want us to retain a District General Hospital in Winchester with full-service A&E and consultant-led maternity services. I think that's clear!



Whether it be my popular **ASKseries** of public meetings (we've held **FOUR** on local hospital services) or annual 'Summer Tour', I have tried to be open and accessible to all constituents despite a much changed environment for MPs.



Back in 2010 we had a major shortage of school places. One of my first campaigns led Hampshire County Council to a £10m plan for our constituency that created some 420 new primary places. That included the new all-through school at Westgate as well as investment at Winnall, St Peter's, All Saints, Harestock and Western.



We need new affordable homes and I've always worked cross-party to support the 'New Homes Programme' which has delivered for locations including Baron Close in Micheldever.



A long campaign bore fruit in 2015 as we finally got a quieter surface for junctions 9-14 of the M3. The work was brought forward to help us get a good night's sleep and I spent a very noisy night out on the road watching how they do it.



This is unfinished business for me but we're now in the final stages – and work will soon begin – on a package worth at least £200m to completely re-design the Winnall junction of the M3.

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