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### Autumn 2016

with Colden Common & Twyford

#### **Conservatives**

#### **NEW JOB FOR ROB**

Your local Hampshire County Councillor Rob Humby was recently promoted to a new role as Executive Member for Environment and Transport and is now responsible for Hampshire's roads, waste and minerals. His top priorities are to keep Hampshire's road network moving and to provide top quality, cost-effective frontline services.

At a time of tight budgets, Rob and his team are working to bring innovative solutions to challenges on our roads and are investing strategically in improving the network.

Rob says "I was honoured to be given this role by Hampshire County Council

Leader Roy Perry. There's certainly a lot of work to be done in my department but I'm up to the challenge and very excited with our plans for the next few years. This is about using the latest technology and novel thinking to ensure the residents of Hampshire have the very best."

Rob is also Portfolio Holder for Business Partnerships and Policy Coordination at Winchester City Council. His remit includes working closely with local businesses and large firms to bring jobs and investment into the Winchester District and to maintain Winchester's vibrant and thriving economy.



County Cllr Rob Humby

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

- City Cllr Sue Cook has been has been working closely with County Cllr Rob Humby, to tackle flooding issues in Main Road Colden Common before the winter closes in.
- Rob has provided grants to both Colden Common Community Association (£600) and Colden Common Pre-school (£1000) to improve facilities for the young and old.
- Rob also authorized a grant of £850 for the Twyford Parish Hall Management Committee to carry out a tree survey and ensure the safety of the building and residents.

#### HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES TO STAY OPEN

County Clir Rob Humby left no stone unturned in finding ways to balance the budget and keep every one of Hampshire's 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres open.

Rob's department consulted with local people about how best to deliver these savings and found creative solutions to protect services. His success means that residents will continue to have local facilities.

Rob says "I am delighted that through a combination of contract renegotiations and reductions in site opening hours we have managed to protect all our local facilities from closure for the benefit of residents."

## INNOVATIVE ROAD REPAIRS

Rob has overseen the first trials of a new road maintenance vehicle, the 'Roadmaster'. The machine is operated by a single person, and completes certain road repairs much more quickly than a road crew.

The Roadmaster can operate successfully in both rural and urban areas, and, because it mixes material on site, there is no waste. It can carry out a range of road repairs including fixing potholes and reinstating damaged carriageway edges.



Cllr Rob Humby on the Roadmaster

#### WINCHESTER UNI LEADING THE WAY

Steve Brine backed the University of Winchester's degree apprenticeships as he told MPs the Uni performed consistently well on student satisfaction and graduate prospects.

The Minister of State for Universities and Science, Jo Johnson, revealed he had visited recently and told the House that it was 'leading the way' in degree apprenticeships, as well as in many other areas.



Steve Brine MP and Professor Joy Carter with the previous Secretary of State for Education who also visited last January

#### INTERNET MATTERS

Steve Brine showed his support for Stand Up to Bullying day in July, as he discussed online abuse, and keeping children safe online.

The event was hosted by neighbouring MP Mims Davies, who represents Eastleigh, and they spoke to the group, Internet Matters, about its work keeping children safe online, and how parents are often confused about what they need to do to keep their children safe.

#### www.internetmatters.org



Steve Brine MP with Carolyn Bunting of Internet Matters

## BALLOT FOR PMQS - WED DECEMBER 7TH

The Winchester MP receives 3 pairs of tickets every year and since 2010 has thrown them open to a free and fair ballot which has proved popular.

Steve Brine says "I have the 7th December date confirmed nice and early this time, so invite constituents to get in touch and secure their place in the draw."

#### HAVE YOUR SAY ON DEVOLUTION

The government has offered further devolved powers to local authorities. In September 2015 there was unanimous agreement across Hampshire for a Combined Authority where all councils would remain and co-operate together. However, all except Labour-led Southampton rejected the idea of an elected Mayor to oversee it.

Subsequently, some District Leaders in the south of the county were ready to investigate a Mayoral system and a unitary system <u>but for the Solent area only</u>, which would split Hampshire into 2 authorities.

Hampshire County Council would like to hear what **YOU** want and have commissioned lpsos Mori to conduct an independent, professional random telephone survey of 1500 residents. It is also open to any resident or organisation that wishes to respond to the consultation. Access it on www3.hants.gov.uk/servinghampshire

#### Key issues:

- Do you want a system of an elected mayor?
- Do you favour a Unitary system, merging County and City Councils into one Council?
- Do you wish to retain the status quo of a two tier system of City Council and County Council?
- Do you support a Combined Authority keeping our District and County Councils (with or without the 3 unitary councils of Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight).

The aim of the consultation is quite simply to find out what Hampshire residents would prefer.

#### LOCAL SAMS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

Steve Brine joined up with Winchester Samaritans in July as they celebrated their 40th anniversary at the Bishop's Residence in College Street.

Steve said: "This was a lovely occasion, and it was great to catch up with so many people I know from across the city.

"It is also very concerning that while 80% of those who take their lives are men, only around one third of calls received come from men, so I absolutely echo their message that men should feel that it is, without question, ok to talk to Samaritans."

#### NEW FLOOD DEFENCES FOR CITY

Local flood defences will be strengthened thanks to a £895,000 joint project by Hampshire County Council and partner organisations.

A low wall with deployable flood barriers at openings will be built around North Walls/Park Avenue including St Bede School, The Art College, homes and businesses. In



Steve Brine brought the Minister Greg Barker to Winchester in 2014

addition, wider work across Hampshire will also take place in partnership with the Environment Agency.

Steve Brine said: "This is really good news, and Cllr Fiona Mather, who represents the area on the county council, and I well remember the scenes two years ago.

"We were very pleased that the scheme received positive feedback during the public consultation last year, and that this is set to be completed by the end of the year."

#### COUNTY COUNCIL SALUTED FOR ARMED FORCES SUPPORT

The County Council's commitment to the Armed Forces as a local authority and employer has been recognised with a Gold Award within the MOD Employer Recognition Scheme.

The County Council was one of the first local authorities to sign the Armed Forces Covenant and establish a strategic Civilian

Military Partnership to ensure those who serve or have served, and their families, are treated fairly.

The local authority employs a number of ex-service personnel and reservists from the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force. It has been proudly supporting the armed forces communities in the county for many years, which is among the largest in the country with over 60,000 veterans, 20,000 serving personnel, 1,200 reservists and 4,000 civilians employed by the MOD.

In November, the County Council will also host an event for service leavers and their partners/spouses to make them aware of career opportunities at the local authority.



Roy Perry Welcomes Military Reservists to Hampshire's Great Hall

## STEVE VISITS SMALL TECH BUSINESS IN WINCHESTER



Steve Brine MP with Chris and Joel www.jelerang.co.uk

Steve Brine visited an exciting small tech business, based on the outskirts of the city in July.

'Jelerang', which came in the top 100 of Small Business Saturday event last year, briefed him on their suggestions for opportunities around helping people make healthier choices when dining out.

Steve said: "This is a fantastic, exciting business full of creativity, energy and downright hard work, and it reminded me of my life before I became an MP, straining every sinew to make the business work and of course, juggling invoices and chasing payments!"

#### WHAT'S

# HAPPENING IN WINCHESTER?

The Conservative-led City Council is making every possible effort to encourage new businesses to move to Winchester and for others to stay here. New office space, particularly near the station, is urgently needed to make it possible for more people to work near where they live.

Following the recent public consultation, the City Council will be revising its car parking strategy to ensure that visitors, residents and business customers can find spaces to park near where they need to be.

Working with the University, the County Council and others, the City Council is planning a new leisure centre at Bar End, to include a 50m swimming pool, a hydrotherapy pool, a large sports hall and much more.

# SUCCESS ON DEMANDS FOR NEW RAIL FRANCHISE

The government has now published the Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the next South Western rail franchise. This sets out the government's plans for significant improvements for passengers including ambitious plans for modern ticketing.

Steve Brine, who has worked hard on improving our rail service over the past six years, said: "It has been made clear to bidders that these are the bare minimum standards

expected. We expect bidders to offer more than this, and only ambitious and excellent bids have the chance to succeed.

"I am also delighted to see that my two campaigns, for part-time season tickets and smart-ticketing, are central planks to this, we are now seeing progress."

The successful bidder should be announced in February 2017 with the new franchise planned to start in June 2017.



Steve using the railway

#### SPARE CHANGE FOR REAL CHANGE

The 'Spare Change for Real Change' recently re-launched by Winchester City Council and Winchester's Business Improvement District (BID).

The campaign encourages people to give their change to local charities that support the homeless instead of handing money to beggars.

Look out for the red house-shaped

REAL17 £2/£5/£10 to 70070

#### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Please let us know of any local issues which are of concern to you:

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised

Name

Address

Home/mobile number:

Fmail:

Send to Winchester Conservative Association, The Conservative Office, Manor Farm, Itchen Stoke, Alresford SO24 OQT

Promoted by Judi Lerwill Harris, on behalf of WCA, both of The Conservative Office, Manor Farm, Itchen Stoke, SO24 OQT Printed by Culverlands, Winnall Valley Road, Winchester, SO23 OLN.

Can you help us?

- □ Display a poster at election
- □ Deliver leaflets
- □ Join the local party
- □ Vote by post
- □ Stand for Council

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#### SUCCESS: IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCH LANE COLDEN COMMON

County Cllr Rob Humby has been working closely with Colden Common Parish Council to bring about significant improvements to Church Lane in the village.

The road, which is often used by motorists as a shortcut, has been blighted by speeding traffic in recent years. Rob arranged for a Traffic Monitoring Survey to be carried out to gauge the scale of speeding vehicles. He has also met with Highways Engineers to make it clear that residents and the parish council are concerned.

Rob also pressed hard for the road to be included in the next phase of footway resurfacing and has made sure that hedge trimming and maintenance are carried out to improve sight lines and make the junction with Bishopstoke Lane safer.



County Cllr Rob Humby in Church Lane

#### **BROADBAND PUSH**

Steve Brine MP and Cllr Rob Humby have been working hard to ensure that superfast broadband coverage is extended.

Having formerly run a small business and as Portfolio Holder for Business Partnerships at Winchester City Council, Rob knows that businesses and residents rely on a fast and stable connection and understands how frustrating it can be when things don't work.

Rob says "Hampshire's Superfast broadband roll-out is now well under way and has already been a great success. We now need to be working with communities who may not be included in the main programme to develop bespoke solutions and ensure that everywhere benefits from superfast."

#### HE STRONG LOCAL TEAM FOR COLDEN COMMON & TWYFORD



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