

STAR CAMPAIGN MAKES PROGRESS

The Save The Andover Road (STAR) campaign has made significant progress over the last few months. At the end of last year Winchester City and Hampshire County Councils carried out a comprehensive traffic survey to determine the future of **Winchester's road network, including the Andover Road**. Former Councillor **Paul Twelftree**, who has been leading the campaign to keep the road open, was very pleased when **Cllr Rob Humby**, of Hampshire County Council, announced that the planned closure of the Andover Road will be reviewed once the results of the traffic survey have been analysed.

Closing the Andover Road will drive up traffic volumes on Harestock Road, Priors Dean Road, Stoney Lane and Bereweeke Road, as drivers seek to avoid the congestion through the new estate.

Paul Twelftree said, "This is a significant step forward for our campaign and, whilst it doesn't guarantee that the road will remain open, I hope that common sense will prevail and the wishes of the vast majority of St Barnabas residents will be respected. The depth of support for this campaign has continued to grow and it now has cross party support with north Winchester Conservative and Independent Councillors on board."



Paul Twelftree on a section of the 'new Andover Road' in Barton Farm. Note how narrow it is!

WEEKE IMPROVEMENTS WELL UNDERWAY

The residents of Trussell Crescent are enjoying new front gardens courtesy of Winchester City Council and **Cllr Eileen Berry** who has pushed for these improvements. Improvements include upgrading the original gardens to bright new family spaces. New iron railings, terracing, patios and soft landscaping have been installed.

Cllr Eileen Berry said, "This is an ongoing project that I have long fought for. Parking at the back of the flats is also being improved. At the back new close board fencing is being installed to give residents their own private spaces."

PROTECTING STONEY LANE

Widely reported in the local press, plans for five houses on Stoney Lane have been rejected by Winchester City Council after local objections, supported by **Cllr Eileen Berry** and **Paul Twelftree**.

Paul said, "Stoney Lane is in danger of becoming over-developed, as established family homes are knocked down to make way for multiple smaller units. Increasing the number of houses will greatly increase traffic levels, and will destroy the pleasant green environment the community has built up over many years."



Gridlock on Stoney Lane – A sign of things to come?"

NEWS IN BRIEF.....

- Winchester City Council is progressing parking restrictions in Lower Teg Down – contact Paul Twelftree using the email address overleaf to let him know what you think.
- Tiddlywinks Nursery in Weeke has received a grant from Winchester City Council, helping to protect its much-valued services to local families across the North Winchester area.
- Flooding at the corner of Stoney Lane and Bereweeke Avenue is an ongoing problem. Hampshire County Council is on the case, and has been pushed to sort out the problem.

CONSERVATIVES REJECT ALLOWANCE INCREASE

Conservative councillors on Winchester City Council have rejected a proposal by an independent remuneration board to increase their councillors' allowances by 8%. At a meeting of full Council in January, Councillor Ian Tait, who represents St Michael Ward in the City, proposed that the substantial increase should be rejected, when public finances are so stretched and staff are not receiving such a substantial increase. While almost all LibDem councillors voted for the 8% increase in allowances, Conservatives out-voted them, so saving £20,000 per year. Allowances are paid out of your taxes, so must not be wasted.



The last Cabinet meeting was held in Alresford and will be held around the District in future

NEW CANCER TREATMENT CAMPAIGN

Steve Brine MP met up with Victoria's Promise this January, the charity set up to support young women through their cancer treatment and beyond.

They launched their campaign in the first week of the new year to raise the £100,000 to bring their services to RHCH so that the young women treated there will benefit from the support the charity is presently giving the young women at other hospitals in Hampshire and London.

You can find out more via www.victoriaspromise.com/vp2w

SCHOOL FUNDING

The Government has delivered on its schools funding increase promise. As a result of the changes to the local funding formula for 2018/19, Hampshire schools have an increase of 2.6%, with Winchester schools specifically receiving an increase of 3.7%.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE - KERBSIDE GLASS RECYCLING COMING SOON

Winchester residents should soon be able to recycle more types of waste as the City Council starts planning to collect glass as part of the regular kerbside collection. The Conservative administration is to include a monthly District-wide kerbside glass collection as part of the waste collection negotiations for the new contract that starts in 2019. In addition, we are working with Hampshire County Council and other councils to expand the range of plastics and other waste that can be recycled locally.



Cllr Jan Warwick

Councillor Jan Warwick, the City Council's Environment lead said, "Until now, it has just been too expensive to introduce glass collection, but initial discussions for the new contract have indicated that we can improve our recycling rates without **wasting taxpayers' money**. There is a lot of support among residents to increase what can be recycled, with glass collection being top of the wish list. We think that residents are willing for us to spend a bit of their money in order to **improve the service that we deliver.**"

A free container will be supplied to each household that wants one and there will be no **additional charge for using this service**. The existing 'bring sites' (bottle banks) will remain in place unless they are no longer needed once the new service has bedded in.

NEW LEISURE CENTRE AT BAR END

The plans for the new sports and leisure park at Bar End are firming up. Over the last few months, local residents have been working closely with the City Council's design team, sports groups and other partners to define the Urban Design Framework – which sets out what may happen in each part of the whole area. The outline business case has emerged alongside this, so the Council is now in a position to start procuring a construction company and an operator for the whole leisure park.

Councillor Guy Ashton, who represents residents of St Michael Ward, which includes Bar End, said, "The interest shown in this venture, by those who will be impacted by the project, has been tremendous. I have led the engagement activity, so I am delighted that the City Council is taking full account of the wishes and concerns of the project's neighbours.

We will continue to make significant changes to the proposals as a result of their feedback, which means that the new Centre will be built on the Garrison Ground, not the King George V Ground, and the size of the building will be constrained, so it fits alongside the athletics track and does not overly dominate the area.



Cllr Guy Ashton

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VISION FOR CENTRAL WINCHESTER

You have been having your say on what should happen to the centre of Winchester. After 20 years of local disagreement, the new Conservative administration at Winchester City Council has engaged with local residents, businesses and other stakeholders to create a new vision for how to improve the rundown part of our beautiful City.

Council Leader Caroline Horrill said, "The inspiring way that so many people have joined in the process to influence what happens next in Winchester, fills me with hope for the future. While the Supplementary Planning Document will soon be adopted, after we have reflected the comments that we receive, there will be many further opportunities to shape each step of the way. We will certainly use this open approach to development for all our major projects, so everyone can play their part."



The Cabinet directing people during the closure of the Bus Station for refurbishment

MAJOR OVERHAUL FOR JUNCTION 9

Steve Brine MP has warmly welcomed news that the M3 J9 will be redesigned under plans to create dedicated free flow lanes which will allow drivers travelling between the M3 and the A34 to avoid using the junction roundabout.

The roundabout itself will be redesigned into a new 'dumbbell' layout, which will increase capacity, improve safety and make journey times more reliable.

More than 6,000 vehicles currently use the junction each hour during peak times, and local residents have long been aware of the queues and congestion.

Steve Brine said, "I am delighted at this long-awaited news, and the proposals to separate out the long-distance traffic passing by Winchester from our local traffic.

"I am also pleased to see that improved access for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians are also very much part of the plans."

Subject to confirmation, construction could start in 2021 and take around two years to complete.



Today's Junction 9

www.stevebrine.com/junction9

FOCUS ON RHCH

Steve Brine MP has said the focus needs to be on securing RHCH, following news that there will not be a new Critical Treatment Hospital built between Winchester and Basingstoke.

Senior clinicians have been in discussions about the future configuration of services, and concluded that a new centre was not affordable and would have impacted other health services across the area.

Steve Brine said: "We have to maintain a sensible and balanced discussion about the future of acute care that, above all else, ensures the local NHS is there when we're acutely unwell."

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QUESTION TIME AT CITY SCHOOL

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

The Winchester MP 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.

Steve Brine said: "What a delightful visit, and all credit to the school for making use of the excellent accessories provided by the Education Service. I really enjoyed the session, and hope the children took a lot out of it."



Steve Brine MP at 'Question Time' with pupils from St Faith's School

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ST MATTHEWS FIELD TO FLOURISH

Paul Twelftree is pleased that Cllr Eileen Berry has obtained assurances that Winchester City Council will ensure the planned maintenance of St Matthews Field is improved and that the work is actually completed.



Paul Twelftree and Cllr Eileen Berry

The Council will also establish a wild flower area. The soil fertility has to be reduced to encourage the correct species to flourish and this will take a number of years, though some changes should be seen going forward.

Paul Twelftree said, "This is excellent news and shows what a local Conservative Councillor can achieve. The addition of a wild flower area to this popular amenity will further enhance St Matthews Field and could be used to protect it from any unwelcome development proposals in the future."

CONTRACTORS VERGING ON THE RIDICULOUS

Some builders continue to churn up our verges and damage roads. Contractors should leave an area in the condition they found it, but this doesn't always occur. If you notice this happening, contact Paul Twelftree and he will report it.



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