

# ReView

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## WELCOME

### A note from Louis 59.99% recycling rate achieved!

Welcome to SITA Cornwall's fifth community newsletter.



In May, recycling levels at Cornwall's household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) reached 59.99 per cent - the highest rate ever achieved in the county. Saltash HWRC was the top contributor to this result with a recycling rate of 70 per cent! This achievement wouldn't have been possible without members of the public embracing recycling and making correct use of the facilities we provide across the county.

A 59.99 per cent recycling rate is a wonderful achievement by both the people of Cornwall and our staff working at the HWRCs.

**However, we should not be complacent and we should strive to recycle more items and to continue to improve the service SITA Cornwall provides in the county.**

In this issue of ReView we outline the latest proposals for a waste facility at Scorrier, reveal which area of Cornwall is most committed to minimising its waste and report on the improvements that have been made at Helston HWRC.

**Louis de Poncheville**  
 General Manager of SITA in Cornwall

## SITA CORNWALL NEWS

### Planning application on-line

You can now link to the planning application for the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre at [www.sitacornwall.co.uk](http://www.sitacornwall.co.uk). The application was submitted by SITA Cornwall in March 2008 and is hoped to be determined by Cornwall County Council planning committee by the end of the year. The proposed Energy from Waste facility will burn 240,000 tonnes of residual waste each year, provide enough electricity to power the equivalent of 21,000 homes and generate heat, some of which will be exported to local industry.



# SITA Cornwall submits planning application to build recycling facility at Scorrier

SITA Cornwall has submitted a planning application to Cornwall County Council to build a household waste recycling centre (HWRC) and refuse transfer station (RTS) on designated industrial development land in Scorrier.

**The facility is needed to replace facilities at United Mines in St Day, which are due to close in 2010.**

The proposed facility will have an overall capacity for approximately 100,000 tonnes of waste and recyclables per year and comprises:-

- An RTS to handle approximately 85,000 tonnes per year of household waste delivered by Waste Collection Authorities (Kerrier & Carrick District Councils) as well as some commercial waste from shops, offices and businesses.
- An HWRC to handle approximately 15,000 tonnes per year of recyclable and non-recyclable household waste delivered by members of the public.

The application will be subject to a period of stakeholder and public consultation in due course. For further information about the proposals visit [www.sitacornwall.co.uk](http://www.sitacornwall.co.uk)

# United Mines landfill extension?

United Mines landfill site is due to close in October 2010 when all landfilling will be transferred to SITA Cornwall's site at Connon Bridge. However, a recent survey has indicated that there will still be 400,000m<sup>3</sup> of space left at United Mines when the site is due to close, which is significant considering the shortage of landfill space in the county.

**Any extension beyond 2010 would have to be agreed by the parish councils around the site. Cornwall County Council has therefore written to the parishes to see if they would be prepared to accept two more years of landfilling.**

SITA Cornwall estimates that using the void space at United Mines would save around £1M in transportation costs. Therefore, if the proposal is accepted, this £1M saving would be allocated to the local community and they would decide how this money could be spent. If the community rejects the proposal, then United Mines will close, as planned, in October 2010.

## BEFORE AND AFTER

# Helston HWRC



Helston HWRC (before)



Helston HWRC (after)

Since SITA was awarded the 30 year contact by Cornwall County Council in 2006, there have been a number of improvements at SITA Cornwall's recycling and waste management sites. The photos above document the changes that

have taken place at Helston household waste recycling centre, including the introduction of road markings, a larger variety of containers, clearer signage and a greater emphasis on maintaining a clean and tidy site.

## DID YOU KNOW?

# Focus on SITA UK's future

- From 22nd July 2008 Suez Environment will replace SUEZ Group as SITA UK's parent company.
- SUEZ Environment will be solely dedicated to providing water and waste management services.
- As a result, SITA UK will adopt a new logo and everything from stationery to vehicles will be re-branded.
- This change won't have a dramatic impact on SITA Cornwall's day to day operations.

# Summer placements

University students will be able to put the skills and knowledge they have gained from their courses into practice when they work with SITA Cornwall on waste-related projects over the summer. One of the students, Sarah Willmann, will be joining SITA Cornwall at the end of July to help to enrich biodiversity on Cornish waste sites and strengthen SITA Cornwall's contribution to environmental sustainability.

**Anna Dalziel, HR Officer said 'It's important to give young people the opportunity to gain experience and encourage the development of talent within the local waste industry'.**

If you know a university student who is interested in a summer placement at SITA Cornwall please contact [anna.dalziel@sita.co.uk](mailto:anna.dalziel@sita.co.uk)

# SITA Cornwall employees get to grips with health and safety

In June, SITA Cornwall dedicated a whole week to health and safety. SITA Cornwall employees were invited to attend workshops where they found out about the 'Making a difference' campaign, watched the SITA UK 'Who's responsible?' documentary, reviewed SITA Cornwall's past accidents and worked on case studies to prevent future accidents. This local initiative followed SITA UK's national health and safety conference earlier this year.

**Tim McCabe, Health and Safety Officer for SITA Cornwall said: 'The week was scheduled to mark a shift towards even safer working environments in SITA Cornwall'.**

Louis de Poncheville, General Manager for SITA Cornwall added: 'A key point that has emerged from the workshops is that we need to pay more attention to the health and safety of people using our services and facilities. We are currently looking at ways to ensure that members of the public take greatest care at our household waste recycling centres.'



## WORKING TOGETHER

### Sustainability award for community group in St Day

The St Day in the Bag project, set up by a local community group who make and sell re-useable bags created from donated and scraps of material, has won a £300 prize in a competition organised by Cornwall Waste Action and ReZolve Kernow and funded by SITA Cornwall.

At the Sustainable Action in your Community Conference, which took place in April, attendees were invited to enter a locally based project into a competition to win the £300. Action St Day Group's project was awarded the prize for the valuable environmental, social and economical benefits it aims to bring to the local area.

Guy Doncaster, Co-ordinator of Cornwall Waste Action, said: 'Having a prize like this is important to focus groups on what they can do to make their communities more sustainable. The most sustainable approach to waste is to reduce and the second best thing is to re-use it. Action St Day has them both in the bag!'

# More efficient recycling with new battery scheme

**SITA Cornwall and the Recycle for Cornwall team have set up a new initiative that was proposed by Mark Hatwood from Porthscatho, to increase the amount of household waste batteries recycled in Cornwall.**

Each Parish in Cornwall can apply for a battery collection tube which will be located in a local community facility e.g. post office. Local residents can use the tube to dispose of their household batteries and when full a representative from the community will take the tube to the nearest household waste recycling centre (HWRC).

The batteries will then be sent to a reprocessing plant where heavy metals including lead and mercury will be recovered from the batteries and reused as secondary raw materials. For further details please contact Rachael Bice, Waste Management Officer for Cornwall County Council, [rbice@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:rbice@cornwall.gov.uk)



# People commit to recycle more at the Royal Cornwall Show



SITA Cornwall's stand at the Royal Cornwall Show

**In early June, SITA Cornwall exhibited at the Royal Cornwall Show. Almost 1500 people visited the SITA Cornwall stand and over 200 of them committed to put in extra effort to reduce the waste they produce and to recycle more.**

Visitors put themselves on a map, with green stickers, pledging to slim their bins by reducing, reusing and recycling more of their waste.

By the end of the show, North Cornwall was the district, and Newquay was the town with the highest number of pledges made.

Leroy Chandler, Education Officer for SITA Cornwall, said: 'The Royal Cornwall Show is a great opportunity for us to meet residents and to answer any questions they have about what we do, including recycling, managing landfill sites, our education programme and also our energy-from-waste proposals.'

## Recycling Rates

Statistics shown are the recycling rates at the HWRCs for May '08.

<b>Saltash</b>	70%
<b>Helston</b> (Gays Hill)	69%
<b>Bude</b> (Tiscott Wood)	67%
<b>Bodmin</b> (Wheal Prosper)	65%
<b>Liskeard</b> (Connon Bridge)	63%
<b>St.Austell</b> (Menear Road)	60%
<b>Redruth</b> (United Mines)	58%
<b>St.Erth</b> (Hayle)	55%
<b>Newquay</b> (Trevenson Road)	52%
<b>Tintagel</b>	52%
<b>Launceston</b> (Bangors)	42%

These figures reflect an average recycling rate of 60 per cent at the HWRCs in May '08.

## 2 MINUTES WITH...

### Kevin Sargent Field Sales Executive



#### What does your job involve?

I'm involved in SITA Cornwall's operations outside of the contract with Cornwall County Council. I am responsible for setting up new waste management and recycling contracts for businesses in mid and north Cornwall. Another important part of my job is to maintain and develop existing business.

#### What's the biggest challenge?

For me the biggest challenge is securing

business in such a competitive industry. In Cornwall there seems to be a large amount of waste management companies fighting for the same industrial and commercial waste contracts.

#### What do you enjoy most about the job?

I like having the opportunity to travel around the beautiful Cornish countryside and meet lots of people. I manage to get out of the office lots and no two days are ever the same for me.

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