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## WELCOME

### A note from Louis

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This is only our second newsletter and I feel that so much has been happening since our beginning here in Cornwall.

We started with a lot of challenges and already we can see many benefits.

- We have 225 people in SITA Cornwall and 135 of them are working exclusively on recycling.
- Recycling rates, at our sites, have risen from 25% to 57% since 1st November 2006.
- A full risk assessment has been carried out on every site resulting in health and safety training, a review of reporting procedures and the appointment of safety representatives.
- When we started our contract with Cornwall we inherited 453 non-compliances in environment and health and safety. In nine months we had removed 70% of the problems and we are not resting.



Preparations are under way to celebrate our first full year in Cornwall and I hope you will join me then in thanking all the staff who, every day, move us closer to achieving our target to be a reference point for Europe!

Louis de Poncheville  
General Manager of SITA in Cornwall

## SITA NEWS

### Creating new jobs in Cornwall

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The new posts are based in, among others, the departments of human resources, administration, customer relations, education, product analysis and environmental compliance. The addition of the new posts will ensure that

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SITA Cornwall's day-to-day operations and relationship with the community continue to run smoothly as the contract develops.

Anna Dalziel, Human Resources manager said: "The creation of these new roles within Cornwall is great news for the county. As a Cornish graduate I am aware of the difficulties in finding gainful employment locally and working with SITA Cornwall has allowed me to pursue my career within the county. I am looking forward to further growth and development of the team in Cornwall."

In addition to the new management and administration positions, increased amounts of materials being brought for recycling at the recycling centres have increased the need for site staff to help customers to sort their waste more carefully to ensure as much as possible is recycled. This has created additional posts for site operatives and 14 new drivers have been employed to take recyclable materials for reprocessing.



**Back Row (L-R)** Shameer Thassim (Performance Analyst, Mabe), Leroy Chandler (Education Officer, Bodmin), Grant Scott (Recycling Manager, Bodmin), Stuart Higgins (Treatment and Project Manager, United Mines, St. Day), Nick Tandy (Business Improvement Manager, Mabe).

**Middle Row (L-R)** Sally Thompson (QEMS, PC & Compliance Manager, United Mines, St. Day),

Susan MacDonald (Customer Helpdesk Advisor, Mabe), Anna Dalziel (HR Officer, Mabe), Grace Williams (Communications Officer, Bodmin).

**Front Row (L-R)** Louise Dolby (Customer Helpdesk Advisor, Mabe), Charlotte Padmore (Product Flow Analyst, Mabe), Katharine Alexander (Deputy Landfill Site Manager, United Mines, St. Day), Susannah Downing (Receptionist, Mabe).

**SITA CORNWALL NEWS**

# Driving up standards in transport department

**Eight SITA Cornwall drivers have successfully completed the SITA UK Driver Assessor Course. They are now qualified to assess new drivers, in the organisation, to ensure that they meet with SITA UK standards.**

Setting high standards for transport will be a major part of SITA's success in the county, improving efficiency and more importantly, reducing the impact on the local community.

The newly qualified assessors have had to sit a pre-entry exam and attend a three-day course at different locations around Cornwall. All of the drivers who had volunteered for the course, passed with flying colours.



**David Endean**



**Norman Richards**



**Gary Dean**



**Carl Edwards**



**Gary Mockler**



**Steve Riley**



**Brian Cadwallader-Rose**



**Chris Cox**

# Exhibition for Cornish residents to view plans for CERC

An exhibition outlining the proposed design and process of the proposed Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre (CERC) will probably be taking place in October in St. Stephens and St. Dennis.

The CERC will deal with 240,000 tonnes of waste per year and will play an important role by recovering energy from waste left over after recycling and composting, rather than burying this left over waste in landfill sites.

The CERC will produce around 16.6MW of electricity, enough to power 16,000 homes, which will be exported to the national grid. Heat will also be exported from the centre and provided to local industry, furthering the centre's efficiency and sustainability. Another benefit is that 60,000 tonnes of bottom ash will be recovered and the metals extracted for recycling and the remainder used for road aggregate.

The exhibition will be an opportunity for Cornish residents to put questions to the planners and designers on any issue to do with the proposed CERC. The exhibition will include plans for the design of the CERC as well as information on the processes and technology that will be used and proposed access routes to the site.

## Calling all at SITA Cornwall – Your community needs you!

**Do you have a charitable or environmental cause in your community you would like SITA Cornwall to support?**

**Are you part of a local organisation that could do with some extra cash?**

**We want to know!**

Over the next year we would like you and your site colleagues to adopt a cause. Your site can raise money through events, fundraising activities or anything else you can think of!

SITA Cornwall will then match fund the money you raise up to £500.

This is a great opportunity to help your local community.

**For further information please contact Rachael Clayton on 01579 370991.**

## Your thoughts count!

In response to SITA Cornwall's first newsletter, we received great feedback from the online survey and emails. As a result of your comments, this newsletter has been more tailored to what you want.

50% of you thought the newsletter looked visually interesting with a 'good variety of articles' on SITA projects and events. Here is a selection of some of the other points you made.

- Quarterly issue dates were preferred, e.g. spring/summer
- Most readers found the layout attractive and 'easy on the eye'
- 55% would have liked more news content, eg. waste facility progress closer to them
- Would like an update on 'Energy from Waste' plant

Thank you for your feedback and please keep on letting us know what you think about the newsletter. Please contact the SITA Cornwall helpdesk with your comments and suggestions.

# Supporting the Hall for Cornwall



Hall for Cornwall is the only purpose designed professional theatre in Cornwall and it is a charity, reliant upon grants, public support and donations to offer over 250 performances a year. Every year there are more workshops than performances (over 580) involving people of all ages, from the community, in explorations of creativity and the expressive arts.

**SITA Cornwall is working in partnership with Hall for Cornwall, for the next 12 months, to increase access for those in the community, who are not able to attend shows. Four productions will be supported starting with Tap Dogs, an Australian dance company.**

The Clay Village Youth Project have been invited to be the SITA Cornwall guests for Tap Dogs but for the following shows, Aladdin, The Snow Queen and the musical That'll be the Day, we would like to hear from SITA Cornwall staff teams about people in their communities who would enjoy a night out at the theatre. Please contact Grace Williams, Communications Officer on [grace.williams@sita.co.uk](mailto:grace.williams@sita.co.uk) or contact the SITA Cornwall helpdesk on 08456 300300.



## Plans for Recycling Centre and Waste Transfer Station in Scorrier

Residents and councillors of Scorrier and the surrounding area were invited to see proposals for a recycling centre and waste transfer station on the 14th September. It was an opportunity to meet the designers and operators, see drawings of the plans and to ask any questions about the proposed facility.



Gareth Phillips, Property & Planning Manager for SITA UK showing visitors proposals for Scorrier

Louis de Poncheville, General Manager of SITA in Cornwall said: "We are keen to involve the community in the planning of all our projects. At the exhibition visitors saw that what is proposed for Scorrier will be a modern facility that will play an important role in the development of recycling, which is vital to the sustainability of the county's future. It will make it easier for local people to recycle much more of their waste, in a clean and safe environment."

**The facility is needed in Scorrier to be ready for the closing of United Mines in October 2010 to ensure that the service can continue smoothly.**

# Cornwall Enjoys an End of Summer Clean-Up

September was a month of action for Cornwall and its fight against litter with Clean Cornwall Week taking place from 15th to 23rd September.

Led by the newly formed Cornwall Litter Partnership, which brings together over 25 key private and public organisations, the week saw numerous litter-picking events take place throughout the county. Hundreds of like-minded volunteers helped out and did their bit to help make Cornwall a healthier and more attractive place to live and visit, clearing roads, countryside and beaches of rubbish.



The week also highlighted the problems associated with littered environments in terms of crime, public health and wildlife, boosting the effort to reduce these negative impacts.

James Staughton, Managing Director of St Austell Brewery, partners in the Clean Cornwall campaign comments "Beyond Clean Cornwall Week the Cornwall Litter Partnership wants to achieve a litter free Cornwall by influencing the behaviour of people who drop litter and educating them to stop."

For more information regarding the Clean Cornwall campaign please visit [www.cleancornwall.org](http://www.cleancornwall.org) or email [info@cleancornwall.org](mailto:info@cleancornwall.org)

## Recycling Rates

Statistics shown are the recycling rates at the household recycling centres for July '07.

<b>Liskeard</b> (Connon Bridge)	65%
<b>Helston</b> (Gays Hill)	61%
<b>Saltash</b>	61%
<b>Bodmin</b> (Wheal Prosper)	59%
<b>Redruth</b> (United Mines)	54%
<b>St.Austell</b> (Menear Road)	49%
<b>Tintagel</b>	43%
<b>Bude</b> (Tiscott Wood)	39%
<b>Newquay</b> (Trevenson Road)	36%
<b>Launceston</b> (Bangors)	33%
<b>St.Ives</b> (Penbeagle)	31%
<b>St.Erth</b> (Hayle)	30%

## 2 MINUTES WITH...

### David Sleeman Area Supervisor and National Champion



**What does your job involve?**

It involves the general over seeing of HWRC's and 1RTS, as well as the general day-to-day operations.

**What are the biggest challenges?**

My biggest challenges are trying to increase the recycling figures from my HWRC's. This will hopefully be done as new sites are being redeveloped providing better facilities.

**Any philosophies for a good working environment?**

Being able to have good staff and good public relations.

**What is the best thing about your job?**

The best thing about my job is travelling around the sites and seeing them working well.

**What is best about living and working in Cornwall?**

The best thing about living in Cornwall is the people. We always appreciate the small things in life.

**If you could be anywhere, doing anything this weekend, where would we find you?**

If I could be anywhere this weekend, I would be at Bywell shooting ground trying to win a Perazzi gun worth about £4000.

**All time favourite film?**

The Green Mile.

David have represented England twice in the last three years shooting in a discipline known as Down the Line and has also won 2 county championships this year – The Cornwall Down the Line championship & The Universal Trench championship.

These figures reflect an overall increase in recycling in Cornwall of 32% since November '06.

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