



This newsletter has been created to keep the local communities living near the United Mines landfill site informed of SITA Cornwall's current operations and future proposals.



### COUNCILLORS UNVEIL SITE CLOSURE SIGN

The closure of United Mines landfill on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 was confirmed by Cornwall councillors through the unveiling of a sign at the site at the end of July, exactly three months ahead of the gates being closed.



Local councillors with landfill site closure sign, United Mines

After the cessation of landfilling, natural sub soils will be imported to the site to enable the restoration of the area. The area will be returned to a natural state of agricultural pasture, heathland and moorland over a period of years.

Following the closure of United Mines landfill site on 31<sup>st</sup> October, Connon Bridge will be reopened for the receipt of both household and commercial wastes.

### PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR HWRC AND OFFICES

Whilst the search continues for a new permanent replacement facility, SITA UK would like to continue to provide local residents with a Household Waste Recycling Centre at United Mines until the end of 2014. To this end SITA UK has submitted a planning application to Cornwall Council for a time extension until December 2014 for the HWRC and associated weighbridge, as well as for the offices sited adjacent to the HWRC site.

The HWRC would continue to operate in the same way as before, although with the closure of the United Mines landfill facility on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010, residual waste would be transported to Connon Bridge landfill, near Liskeard, for final disposal.

Phil Rudin, SITA UK's Regional Manager for Cornwall and Devon said: "The Household Waste Recycling Centre at United Mines is the busiest of our twelve sites, dealing with approximately 17,000 tonnes of waste last year. We want to continue to offer local residents this facility until a new permanent replacement facility can be developed elsewhere."

He added: "The current temporary facility had a recycling rate of 67% in June, and thus we hope that our application for a time extension will be looked upon favourably." The planning application is due to go to committee for a decision in the autumn.

Construction has commenced on the Falmouth HWRC at Carveth Farm on the A394, the site is due to be completed in the autumn.

### WORKS NEAR COMPLETION AT CONNON BRIDGE LANDFILL

Construction works at Connon Bridge landfill are nearing completion ahead of the transfer of waste to the site in October. The site which is due to take over from United Mines in accepting all of Cornwall's residual household waste, as well as some commercial waste, has been the focus of intense preparations over the past months. Cell construction works on the site are due to be completed by mid-August.

A liaison group for Connon Bridge will reconvene prior to the re-opening in October. The group provides local residents and councillors a forum through which to discuss the site.

**LAST MONTH YOU RECYCLED 67% AT UNITED MINES HWRC**

## UNITED MINES OPERATIONAL UPDATE

**CAPPING:** Regulated material has been placed on 15,000m<sup>2</sup> of waste, prior to the laying of capping plastic. 3,000m<sup>2</sup> has been completely capped with both materials, ready for hydroseeding.



Uncapped waste, with gas extraction pipes seen at top



Waste capped with regulated material on left section



A: regulated material B: plastic capping C: protective soils

**GAS WELL DRILLING:** Works have progressed well, with eleven out of thirteen wells drilled and connected to the gas extraction system.

**SURFACE WATER:** Surface water management on site is planned in two phases. Improvements to the pumping station at Horse's Lane will be completed, and a soakaway and pumping system installed at Sparry Lane. There will also be some additional surface water ditches that will be installed as part of the new restoration scheme.

**GAS MANAGEMENT:** Work continues to maximise gas capture on site. The impact of mining features on other boundaries is being investigated to improve the knowledge and help focus gas control to any other known areas or features.

## RECYCLERS GIVEN A HELPING HAND

United Mines was one of twelve of SITA Cornwall's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) where protective gloves were given away, as part of a county-wide 'Think First' campaign to raise awareness of keeping safe on site. Recyclers visiting United HWRC on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July were given a pair of gloves to help defend against personal injury. Although accidents on HWRCs are not common, the majority of them involve members of the public cutting their hands.



A member of the public receives her pair of protective gloves

A total of 3000 pairs of gloves were given away throughout Cornwall over a three week period. It is hoped that they will be kept to be reused at the HWRCs at future visits.