



## **SITA Cornwall Trust celebratory event on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

### **Members Pavilion, Royal Cornwall Showground**

SITA Cornwall Trust organised this event to celebrate the success of the many projects already funded by the Trust throughout the county and to discuss future funding opportunities. Over 200 people came along to thank the Trust, to look forward to some funding or just to celebrate some good news in Cornwall.

The chair of the Trust, Andrew Saunders, opened the event by praising the projects, which are funded. He said: "I am always impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of large numbers of people, within their communities, who work tirelessly to improve people's lives. But without the security of continuous funding, this vast range of wonderful projects could not be supported so I would like to thank SITA Cornwall, which chooses to donate 6% of the landfill tax, to fund the trust and its work."

Lady Mary Holborrow, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, spoke about the vital role of community in the county's life that makes Cornwall so special. She mentioned the generosity of the Government in allowing taxes to be shared in this way. She asked for a show of hands to indicate those who had received funds from SITA Cornwall Trust and most people present put their hands up. At the end of her speech she spoke about landfill and the problems that it poses and despite that she added: "long may it last but you must all recycle too!"

Chris Welford, the CEO of ENTRUST, the scheme's Government Regulator, also spoke about the role of funding and the signposting service offered by his organisation.

There were presentations from Hayle Bowling Club, Forder Community and Conservation Association and Cornwall Wildlife Trust, all of whom have received funding for new permanent bases for their organisations from the Trust. The afternoon ended with Launceston Youth Group performing the short play, Us and Them in thanks for the SITA Cornwall Trust grant, which secured funding for essential lighting and sound equipment for their organisation.