

Calling all Villages!

Cornwall Rural Community Council (CRCC) is pleased to announce the launch of the **CRCC and SITA UK Cornwall Sustainable Village of the Year Competition**. This is an exciting new competition, open to villages across Cornwall with a population of 5000 or less, which is looking for communities that are actively pursuing a more environmentally-friendly, resilient and sustainable way of life.

Entries are invited from any organisation or individual within a village and entrants will be judged across four themes: 1. Local Economy 2. Village Amenities 3. Planning for the Future 4. Renewable Energy and Reducing Environmental Impact.

Peter Burton, CRCC's Head of Community Planning and Development, said:

“Environmental, economic and social sustainability are increasingly important issues for all of us and this competition is a chance for Cornwall’s villages to showcase what collective and individual action they are taking to address them”.

Entrants need to complete and submit an entry form by **31 July**. There will be five prizes ranging from **£200** to the **top prize of £1000** to go towards sustainability projects within winning villages. The winning village will also be invited to take part in a short professional film showcase.

Phil Rudin, Regional Manager for SITA UK in Cornwall and Devon, said:

“We are delighted to link up with the CRCC for this initiative and hope that village representatives use this competition as a chance to share their sustainability ideas and practices with the wider community while aiming to boost their projects with some prize money”.

The CRCC is very grateful to SITA UK and the Rural Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Partnership for their sponsorship of the competition and to the Tanner Trust for additional support.

For more information and an entry form please contact Sharon Davey, Cornwall Rural Community Council on 01872 273952 or sharon.davey@cornwallrcc.co.uk