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**IT WILL BE 'FUN AND GAMES' THIS SUNDAY**

Kids from Great Cheverell and surrounding villages will be celebrating this Sunday when their new playground is opened thanks to a grant of £17,000 from The Hills Group. The Great Cheverell Community Play Area will be officially opened by Alan Pardoe, Chairman of The Hills Group, at 3pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, following which the festivities will begin.

During the past year the Marlborough based Hills Group has provided £856,732 in grants to benefit communities in Wiltshire and selected parts of neighbouring counties where the company conducts its business. Projects which benefited from funding included village halls, children's play areas, museums, sports grounds and wildlife habitats.

The grants were made under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which was introduced by the Government in 1996 and allows landfill site operators to work in partnership with registered Environmental Bodies (EBs) to improve the lives of communities living near landfill sites. The total grants made during 2008/09 show a 43 per cent increase on the previous year (£596,000).

The Hills Group provide LCF funds to four EBs - Community First, Cotswold Water Park Society, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and South Gloucestershire Environmental Body for community projects and wildlife schemes across the region.

Gillian Barber, Grants Manager at Community First, said, "We are grateful to the Hills Group for entrusting us with the opportunity to work with and support the many community groups that benefit each year from Landfill Communities Fund. "

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