

**NEWS RELEASE – 14 May 2012**

### **Lower Compton shows community spirit**

Residents from Lower Compton near Calne showed off their community spirit on the weekend when they volunteered to get together and tidy up the area around what used to be the old NAAFI premises.



Lower Compton residents clear area around old NAAFI premises. Photo: Barry Miller

The site was purchased by the Hills Group in early 2011 and since October last year Hills has been in consultation with local residents to decide on how the building and adjacent woodlands could be used for community benefit.

The project was co-ordinated by the Lower Compton NAAFI Project Group (NPG) which is made up of volunteers from Lower Compton, surrounding communities and representatives from Hills.

Louise Gardiner, chairperson of the NPG, said: "Getting together on the weekend was the first step in rekindling the strong community spirit that we used to have in Lower Compton when the NAAFI provided a hub for us to get



together. We are working with Hills to see if there is a way that we can recreate something similar and are grateful for all their help so far.”

Mike Hill, chief executive Hills Group, said: “The Lower Compton community is one of our neighbours and we are working closely with them to see if there is a way that we can provide a facility that suits both Hills and the community’s needs. It is good to see that the hard work and dedication of the NPG committee is producing results.”

The NPG plan to organise a community event for Lower Compton residents in the grounds of the NAAFI on Saturday 21 July. Full details on the event, together with minutes of NPG meetings and other news can be found on Facebook (Lower Compton NAAFI) or on the website <http://www.hills-group.co.uk/consult/naafi.html>

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