



155 Years of Craftsmanship, Tradition, and Values

For this edition of the Cummune newsletter, we had the opportunity to visit the Schilling family at their company, Lessure Workwear, in Niederanven. A name that represents not only high-quality workwear, but also 155 years of family tradition, sustainable thinking, and local engagement.

The history of Lessure dates back to 1870, when the company, then a one-man operation, travelled from market to market with a horse and cart to deliver fabric to people. Success was quick to follow, and soon the family opened a permanent shop at Luxembourg-Gare.

Over time, demand changed: instead of plain fabric, customers increasingly requested finished, functional work clothing. The company responded by gradually expanding its specialization. Today, the range includes not only a wide variety of clothing but also a large selection of safety and work shoes.



“If we hadn’t come to Niederanven, our business probably wouldn’t exist today.”

For about 20 years, the family business, now run by the fifth and sixth generations, has maintained a second location in Niederanven—a decision that quickly proved to be the right one. While operating in the city became increasingly difficult due to lack of parking, logistical challenges, and numerous construction projects, Niederanven offered a range of advantages: plenty of parking, good bus connections, and a central location in the country. In addition, the communes open and supportive attitude was one of the key reasons for this development.



What began as a simple showroom is now the “heart” of Lessure Workwear, with a recent new building providing more space for products and logistical capacities. Communal initiatives, such as the New Year reception for businesses and the development of the industrial zone, help the company grow while feeling part of a dynamic local network.

The company’s philosophy focuses on advice, customization, and quality. Workwear today is chosen not only by sector but also based on comfort, design, and durability. From simple, classic models to colourful, unique pieces, there is something for every taste. Each order can be personalized with a logo or name, and thanks to the two in-house seamstresses, adjustments can be made quickly.

Responsible advice for them does not just mean meeting the client’s needs; it also involves paying attention to where and how the products are made and whether they are fairly produced.

Through this conscious selection, Lessure has a direct impact on customers’ purchasing behaviour. Instead of choosing the cheapest option, the company consistently opts for high-quality, fairly traded items, whose origin and production are transparent and sustainable. Customers thus become, consciously or unconsciously, part of a sustainable cycle.





“Our values are very similar to those of the municipality: respect for people and for nature,” adds Gilbert Schilling. As a dedicated scout, he cares not only about fair trade but also about ecological awareness. For him, the best form of recycling is not producing any waste in the first place.



Another example of this commitment is that, for several years, the Scoutshop of the Luxembourg Guides and Scouts has been integrated into Lessure Workwear. This point of sale is not profit-driven but exists to provide scouts with the best possible access to their equipment. Six days a week, they can visit the store and receive expert advice from Lessure employees, who have immersed themselves in the world of scouting with great dedication. Even in the Scoutshop, the company remains true to its principles: uniforms are manufactured in workshops in Ukraine under fair conditions, and the scarves, which play a symbolic role in scouting, are now 100% Fairtrade.

Through their commitment, values, and extensive knowledge of workwear and safety standards, the Schilling family demonstrates that it is possible to build something sustainable through passion and responsibility—not only as a business but also as an active member of the local community.

We sincerely thank Annick, Gilbert, and Charly Schilling and Tamara Follmann for giving us a behind-the-scenes look and an inspiring conversation, and we wish them continued success and joy in their work.

Would you like to learn more about Lessure Workwear? Visit their newly renovated and expanded store!

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