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## Consultants swap office for weeding

THE whole team from Penarth Management mucked in at Newport Wetlands National Nature Reserve in the spirit of raising environmental awareness through practical conservation on a warm July day.

The team swapped consultancy and office work for a day in the fresh air, beginning with an introductory session from Steve Jones, volunteer head handyman with RSPB Cymru.

Steve said: "It's great to see groups like this coming to the reserve and helping us with some of the work here.

"The team-building days are a great way for people to learn new skills such as delegation and leadership, whilst at the same time working more efficiently."

The team soon donned thick gardening gloves, ready to tackle the demanding injurious weeds.

Newport Wetlands is owned and managed by the Countryside Council for Wales, whilst its centre is managed by the RSPB and relies on help from staff and key volunteers to sustain an environment in which birds and other wildlife can thrive.

The centre is a hot-spot for educating children and adults about our natural environment and the Penarth team event showed there is always something to learn, and gain, from working in conservation.

Penarth Management office manager Judi Starling said: "To see the result of our hard work gives me a real sense of achievement."