



COMMUNITY ACTION Swindon Borough Council's Housing Property team volunteered to help restore the Wilts & Berks Canal

Team takes time out to spruce up canal

STAFF from Swindon Borough Council Housing Property Department held a team-building day with a difference at the Wilts and Berks Canal.

The team of 25 volunteers spent the day pulling out weed which had become overgrown in the

bottom of the canal. Using a small boat, rakes and wheelbarrows they cleared the weed on a 400m stretch of the canal at Kingshill.

Chris Franks, the head of housing property, said: "Having the team able to assist in the restoration of the

canal, improve the environment and put something back into the community has made this a worthwhile day."

Canal Trust volunteer Ray Aldridge, who led the day's activities, said: "The team worked really well together with lots of enthusiasm, and

we are really grateful for what they have achieved."

Swindon Borough Council is a member of Swindon Employees in The Community Network.

The day was organised through Volunteer Centre Swindon, which works

with organisations and businesses promoting Employer Supported Volunteering.

If your business has a team which would like to take part in a community challenge contact Heidi Mabbott at Volunteer Centre Swindon on 01793 420557.