

**Small mammal trapping on Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, overnight on 11/10/2019 –  
Cambridgeshire Mammal Group demonstrating for Wildlife Watch Group**

**Context:** A BCN Wildlife Trust run Wildlife Watch group event to demonstrate small mammal trapping to children ages 6-11 and their parents.

16 Longworth traps were set up with bedding (hay) and bait (museli, casters and diced apple) around the site from 5pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October spaced randomly c8 metres apart in areas representing the various habitat types across the site. Trap locations were marked with canes. Then traps were opened the following morning from 8am, small mammals captured were identified, weighed, sexed and released. Children filled and set the traps, and were taught how to identify, weigh and handle the small mammals the next morning and took turns in emptying each trap. They managed to lose a few small mammals prior to weighing and sexing but all took part very enthusiastically and confidently.

Trap No	Location	12/10/19 – c8am
1	Through gate next to centre in grass	BV – f – 21.5gm
2	Pile of wood LHS path	WM – e (not weighed/sexed)
3	Base of tree RHS path	WM – e (not weighed/sexed)
4	By trees RHS path	WM – m - 20.5gm
5	In orchard LHS gate	BV – f - 16gm
6	In orchard by compost heap	WM – e (not weighed/sexed)
7	By orchard plum tree	WM – f – 20gm
8	Grass heaps LHS path	WM – f – 16gm
9	Under bushes LHS path	2 slugs
10	Near water RHS path	veo
11	Wildlife area LHS gate	WM – f – 13.5gm
12	Wildlife area under small tree LHS	WM – f – 20gm
13	In regrowth area	WM – e (not weighed/sexed)
14	Through next gate by bug house	WM – f – 16.5gm
15	Under tress LHS path	o
16	End of cut area	vo

WM – Wood mouse

BV – Bank Vole

m – male

f – female

e – escaped

o – open, and not tripped

veo – visited (exterior bait taken, not necessarily small mammals) and empty and open (not tripped)

**Summary:**

In total 10 wood mice and 2 bank voles were caught and as many weighed and sexed as possible, and were found located over a variety of the habitat types at the park.