

Small mammal trapping around Logan's Meadow, Cambridge, overnight from 25 July 2026 as a 'Friends of Logan's Meadow' event - Laura Allen, Peter Pilbeam, Ben Greig and 15 members of the Friends of Logan's Meadow.

Twenty (20) Longworth traps were set to catch with bedding (hay) and bait (muesli, diced apple and excess casters) at various locations (a small range of habitats) in a vague loop around the wetland and woodland areas of Logan's Meadow from around 6pm on 25 July 2026 and checked from 8am on 26 July 2026. Each animal caught was weighed, sexed and released immediately where it was caught. All the traps were then removed.

Trap No.	Location	26 July 2026 - c8am
51	Under info sign	O
55	LHS under end of bridge	O
67	LHS along short path and 10ft on LHS	O
59	Left path. RHS under elder (9m)	O
57	Main path. Under dogs on lead sign	O
63	Under LHS of bridge	O
69	Over fallen tree on LHS	O
60	Under RHS end of bench	O
61	Behind logs on LHS	BV - m - 18g
64	On RHS up slope	O
54	On LHS under ivy covered tree	O
68	On LHS over log behind tree	O
53	Behind LHS log pile	O
58	On RHS into brashing	O
70	LHS opp track on RHS in base of hedge	O
52	Over dead hedge on RHS and start of pond	O
66	LHS under willow (blue tape)	O
65	On LHS behind small tree (blue tape)	O
56	On LHS behind redcurrant bush	O
62	On RHS of grass behind goal	O

Key

BV – Bank Vole

M – Male

F – Female

O – Open (not tripped)

Conclusions

In summary, out of 20 trap sessions there was one catch of one Bank Vole. This represents the overall catch rate of 5%. This was the fourth visit to Logan's Meadow - the first trapping session in July 2022 yielded five Wood Mice (a catch rate of 25%), August 2024 yielded one Wood Mouse (a catch rate of 5%) and July 2025 yielded two Bank Voles and one Wood Mouse (a catch rate of 15%).

It is important to note that the meadow is very heavily used by walkers, runners and dog walkers and a large new pond was dug in the main part of the meadow in 2025. This has been established well with tall reed and it retains water due to its connection to the river.

The weather had been hot and very dry for some time and was quite warm when the traps were opened. Overnight it was dry and warm.

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