

Small mammal trapping in the churchyard at St Peter-ad-Vincula Church, Coveney, overnight from 14 to 15 June 2025 - Peter Pilbeam, Jenny Bell, Sarah Wolton, David Guyer and several supporters of the church and members of its congregation.

Twenty (20) Longworth traps were set to catch with bedding (hay) and bait (muesli, excess casters and excess diced apple) at various locations (a narrow range of habitats) in the churchyard around St Peter-ad-Vincula Church, Coveney from about 7.30pm on Saturday 14 June 2025. They were opened from 8am on Sunday 15 June 2025. All trapped animals were identified to species level, weighed and sexed before being released immediately where they were caught - the traps were then removed.

Trap No.	Location	15 June 2025 – c8am
6	Going clockwise round the church - first left corner by wall	o
8	on LHS c 10m on against wall	o
3	c 5m on under yew tree on RHS of path	o
20	c 10m on - on RHS c2m in between graves	WM - m - 15gm
1	c 20m on - in LH corner of graveyard	o
2	on LHS adj hedge c 5m on	WM - f - 21.5gm
10	c 10m on - in compost 'bin'	o
7	c 2m on - behind brash heap	o
19	on left in centre of area of long grass c 5m on	o
17	behind walnut tree adj log circle	WM - f - 28gm
9	under yew tree by fence c 4m behind log circle	WM - ? - 9.5gm
4	c 5m on c 2m into area of wild flowers	o
16	on LHS c 3m on towards war memorial under oak tree	WM - m - 12gm
15	ditto on RHS under holly tree	o
14	c 5m on in long grass under yew tree	o
18	on LHS c 5m on next to green fence under elder	WM - m - 23.5gm
5	c 5m on behind bench	WM - f - 28gm
13	on LHS c 5m on c 2m from fence	WM - m - 15gm
11	on LHS behind LHS of shed	o
12	in front of church - in corner on LHS	o

WM -- Wood Mouse
m -- male
f -- female
o -- open, not tripped

In summary, over the 20 trap nights/sessions there were 8 captures - all Wood Mouse. This represents (of 20 trap sessions) an overall catch rate of 40%.

The weather overnight and when the traps were checked from 8am on 15 June was cloudy, warm and dry.

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