

**Small mammal trapping.
Paxton Pits Nature Reserve.
1st-2nd July 2022
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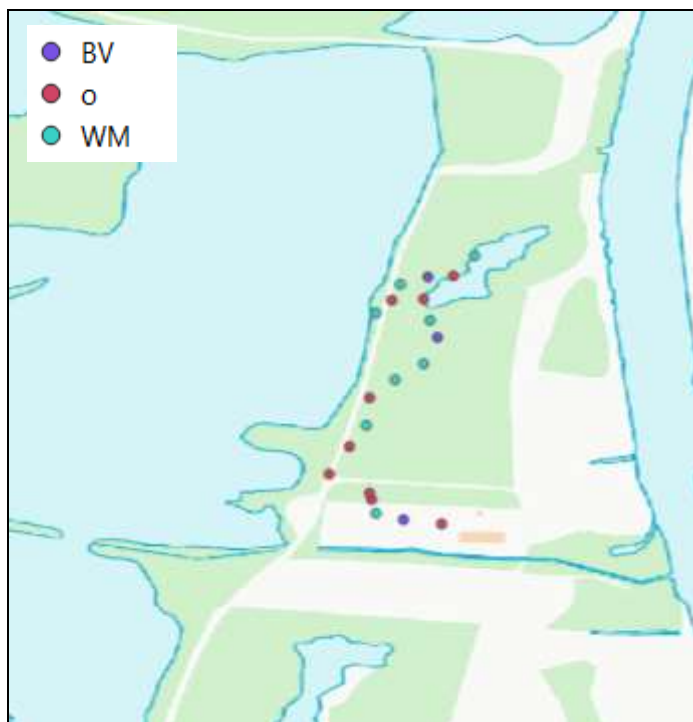
The weather on both days was fine, dry and sunny.

Longworth Traps

Twenty (20) Longworth traps were set up with bedding (hay) and bait (muesli, diced apple, and casters) at various locations in an area known as the 'Sanctuary' (map reference: TL20216364) from 7.30pm on 1st July 2022. They were checked and opened from 8.00am on the following day and then removed from the site. Animals found in traps were identified for species, weighed, and sexed.

Results:

Ser	Trap No.	Location	Species	Sex	Weight (g)	Comment
1	52	TL 20211 63456	o			
2	54	TL 20188 63460	BV	F	26	Lactating
3	78	TL 20171 63466	WM	M	15.5	
4	46	TL 20168 63480	o			
5	80	TL 20166 63486	o			
6	56	TL 20141 63504	o			
7	77	TL 20153 63532	o			
8	71	TL 20163 63554	WM	M	24	
9	61	TL 20164 63581	o			
10	58	TL 20179 63599	WM	-	24.5	Escaped
11	65	TL 20196 63616	WM	M	10.5	
12	49	TL 20204 63642	BV	M	22	
13	67	TL 20199 63659	WM	M	9.5	
14	70	TL 20195 63680	o			
15	53	TL 20212 63704	o			
16	62	TL 20225 63724	WM	M	24	
17	68	TL 20197 63702	BV	-	29	Escaped
18	41	TL 20180 63694	WM	M	23	
19	74	TL 20175 63679	o			
20	57	TL 20166 63666	WM	M	22	



Key:
WM = Wood Mouse
BV = Bank Vole
o = Open

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Conclusions:

From twenty traps, eleven captures were made: three bank voles and eight wood mice. This was both an increase in species (addition of Bank Vole) and numbers from the previous survey conducted in Autumn 21.

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