

YELLOWMEAD, WILLSWORTHY

1997-2006: Confirmed Priority Site of National Importance

CURRENT STATUS UNCERTAIN

Successful breeding population of Small Red Damselfly. [NB within Willsworthy Range Danger Area.]

Last updated: 29/03/2025

Site: YELLOWMEAD, WILLSWORTHY	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX532827	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle						C						
Banded Demoiselle												
Emerald Damselfly												
White-legged Damselfly												
Large Red Damselfly				C	+	D						
Blue-tailed Damselfly												
Scarce Blue-t Damselfly												
Common Blue Damselfly												
Southern Damselfly												
Azure Damselfly												
Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red Damselfly				+	A	C						
<u>Dragonflies</u>												
Hairy Dragonfly												
Common Hawker												
Norfolk Hawker												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker												
Migrant Hawker												
Emperor Dragonfly												
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly				+		C						
Downy Emerald												
Broad-bodied Chaser												
Scarce Chaser												
Four-spotted Chaser												
Keeled Skimmer				+	A	D						
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter				A		B						
Red-veined Darter												
Ruddy Darter												
Black Darter				+	+	D						
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:				6	4	7						

Bold underlined = nationally important species **Bold black** = important species

Succ = Successful breeding (exuvia(e) and/or larva(e) and/or pre-flight emergent and/or oviposition);

Poss = Possible breeding (copulating pair); Other = Adult(s) or unspecified.

Abundance codes: A=1; B=2-5; C=6-20; D=21-100; E=101-500; F=>500; + = no count.

Priority Species History

Small Red Damselfly – discovered on 25/7/98, when mating and egg-laying observed; present on 21/8/02; and B (2-5) adults, including a mating pair, on 2/8/05.

Habitat

Part of Willsworthy Range Danger Area, along Willsworthy Brook. No habitat description available.

Status

Military training area.

Area

c15 ha

Local Authority: Dartmoor NPA

Owner/tenant

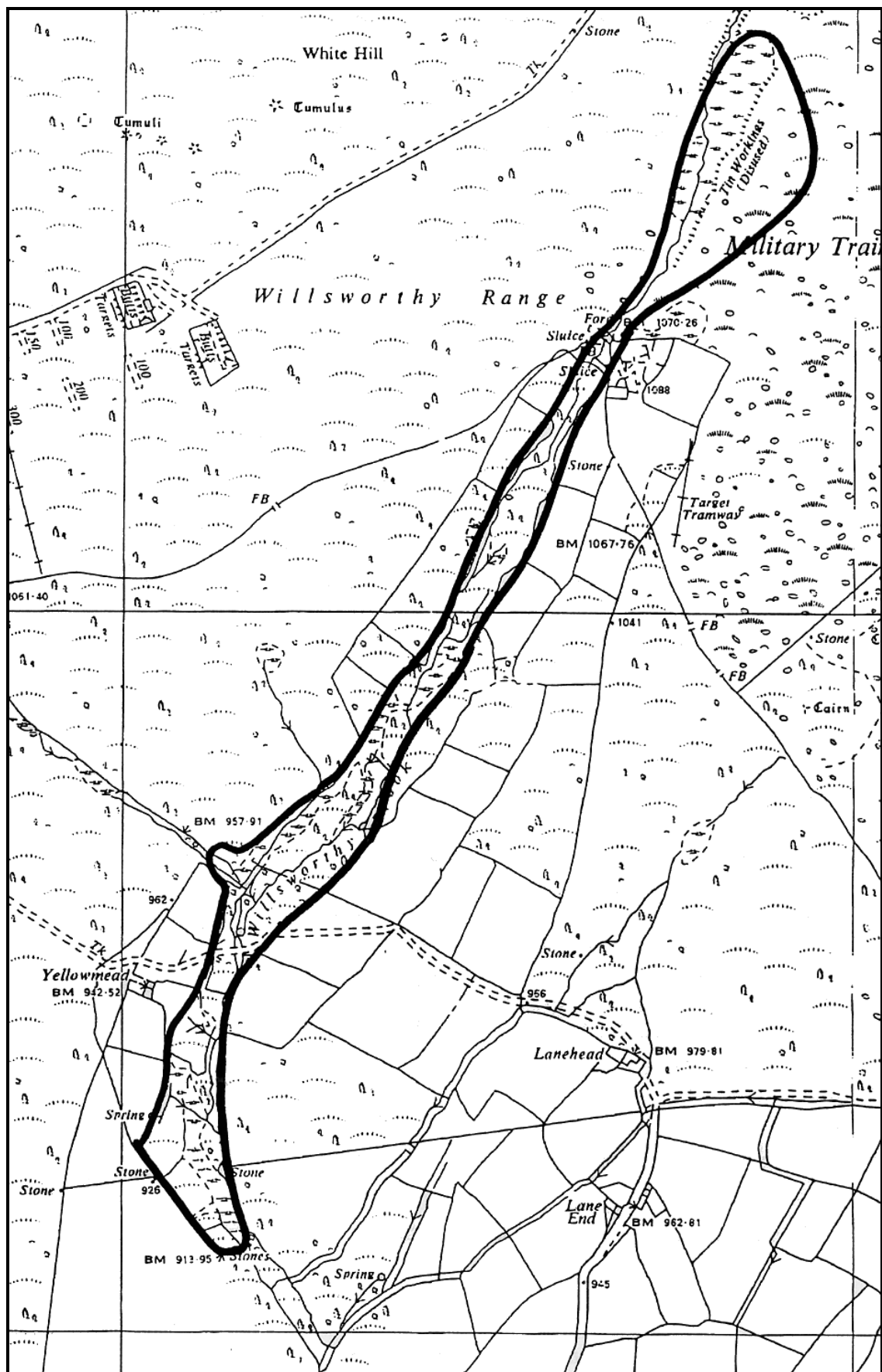
Ministry of Defence

Threats

- Natural succession?

Management suggestions

- Retain areas of relatively open water?



Yellowmead proposed County Wildlife Site

