

Conchological Society of Great Britain & Ireland

Report of the Council 2024

Council Positions

Dr B Rowson began his first year as President of the Society. The following Society Officers were elected: Hon. General Secretary Miss R E Hill, Hon. Treasurer *Vacant*, Hon. Membership Secretary Ms P Robbins, Hon. Editor (*Journal*) Mr RG Forsyth, Hon. Editor (*Mollusc World*) Mr P Topley, Hon. Marine Recorder Mr S. Taylor, Hon. Non-Marine Recorder Dr B Rowson, Hon. Conservation Officer Mrs M Cousins, Hon. Programme Secretary Dr M Law and Hon. Webmaster *Vacant*. New Ordinary members of Council were: Dr PJ Barfield, Dr VJ Burton, Mr B Goodwin, Dr A Holmes, Mr C Walton and Mr A Wright. Mr CR du Feu began his second year. Prof RAD Cameron and Dr ICN Cavadino began their third year. Ms N Hundt was co-opted as Acting Hon Webmaster in June and Andrew Wright volunteered to become Acting Hon Treasurer in October. Council is most grateful to Andrew and Nina for stepping forward and to Brian and Peter for continuing their services to the Society in the meanwhile.

Publications

Two online issues of the *Journal of Conchology* (Volume 45: 1-2) and three issues of *Mollusc World* (Numbers 64-66, March, July and November) were published. A *Journal of Conchology* social media account has been set up on BlueSky so that members can be alerted when new papers are published. The Society's website www.conchsoc.org has an updated front page and further updating is in progress. The Webmaster welcomes contributions and updates. The Society has an X / Twitter account and there is now also a LinkedIn account. Some Society talks on zoom may now be viewed on YouTube where the consent of the speaker is provided.

Other Council Matters

Three Council meetings were held at the Angela Marmont Centre and were also available using virtual technology. The production of an updated Membership List, arrangements for the Regional Meetings in Cardiff in 2024, new arrangements for Membership management after the resignations of Pat Robbins and Catherine Jagger of CIRCA, and the Society's 150th Anniversary in 2026 were discussed.

The deaths of no members were announced at meetings in 2024.

I would like to thank all members of Council and Society volunteers for their contributions without which the Society could not achieve its aims.

Rosemary Hill, March 2025

Health and Safety Report, Field Season 2024

Seven Conchological Society field meetings were held in 2024. Risks were assessed for the meetings by the organisers, briefings were held at the beginnings of the meetings, and there are no incidents to report.

Rosemary Hill, March 2025